

Dear Parents/Guardians

E-SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The internet can be a fantastic place for learning, filled with a wealth of information where your child/children can gain new knowledge and understanding of the world around them. Here at College, E safety plays an important part of safeguarding and keeping our students safe - that is why it is vital that all our students learn how to stay safe when using digital technology to communicate online. All students are taught how to stay safe and behave when communicating online. In order to better safeguard our students, we use monitoring and filtering software to minimise the risk of students gaining access to unsuitable material.

The E-safety message can only be successful if it is consistent both at home and College and we are asking for your help and support to keep your child/children safe at home when communicating online. You can help by talking to your child/children about how to keep safe and behave when using their smart phone, games console, tablet or any other device to use communicate online.

It is important that we all work together and stay vigilant to protect your child/children from people who may pose an online risk. Sometimes, children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to inappropriate content or comments online, and there are steps that you can follow to help minimise such risk.

Parents/Guardians what can I do?

- Print a copy of the [Top Ten Tips](#) – we use at College as a visual reminder for your child
- Discuss as a family internet rules, for example rules for meeting friends online, what is going to be kept private (family photos, personal information such as your home address)
- Talk to your child about how they use the internet, if possible learn which website they use and by learning together you can discuss safe online behaviour.
- Install an up-to-date anti-virus, secure internet connection and make use of parental control to block unsuitable material especially for younger children

See useful links to help you keep your child safe online:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk Look at the 'Parents/Carers' section for information
- www.ceop.police.uk (CEOP) is the online police ->click the report button if you need to report online abuse
- www.getsafeonline.org: information about safeguarding children and free up-to-date security advice
- www.childnet.com: look at the 'Know It All' section for information about online safety

If you have any other concerns or questions regarding E-safety, please contact the College or Mrs Howard at mhoward@ktc-tkat.org

As always, thank you for your support

Yours faithfully

Mrs Howard (E-Safety Co-ordinator)