



# HAILEY HALL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Carer (s)

We are celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023 which takes place today 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>



Online Safety is an ever growing and changing area of interest and concern. The internet and related technologies, including mobile devices such as phones, games media, tablets and watches, are developing rapidly and play an integral part to the daily lives of our children. This year the increased popularity of VR headsets that connect to Facebook's Metaverse have added another device that needs extra set ups to keep children and young people safe online. The Metaverse seeks to link users to the internet as a virtual entity using the headsets. This amplifies the danger children are exposed to online. Many young people have access to the internet 24 hours a day.

Online use has many ways it can positively affect young lives but, as we are all aware it can have a negative impact on their sleep, mental health, and self-esteem. It can also bring challenges into school life and can impact pupil's academic progress. There is also the worry that unsavoury characters are becoming increasingly proficient in the ways they use online contact to groom children and young people. We feel that by working together with parents we can strive to achieve the best for our pupils to get them positive online experiences and reduce the safeguarding risks.

We have online safety education built into our curriculum as well as Tutor sessions and assemblies. As a school, we have brought a training package with Online Safety Alliance (OSA) <https://www.onlinesafetyalliance.org/> to support the learning in our school community around online safety, this provides a course for our pupils and staff. To enable us to work together, we can also offer an online safety course to our parents where we have covered the cost so is free for you to complete in your own time.

Instructions for the online parent's course can be found on the attached document. The enrolment key for the parent course: **hailey23**

If you have any other secondary aged children and young people in your household that you would like to complete the appropriate course, please contact Stevie Sharp on the number below.

We have included an attached list of useful websites, that have information not only on how to safeguard children and young people when online or using apps and games, but who to contact if things do go wrong.

Warmest regards,

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**'Hailey Hall School is committed to safeguarding'**

