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Dear Parent/Carer

Staying Safe Online

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of helping children to stay safe online.

Recently, we have been made aware of concerns about some Year 8 students using WhatsApp group chats where inappropriate comments and content have been shared. Many students use social media and messaging platforms responsibly. However, incidents like this remind us that students should show the same respect online as they do in school.

We would be grateful if you would speak to your child about their use of social media, messaging services, and online gaming platforms. In particular, we encourage you to:

- Regularly discuss who your child is communicating with online.
- Check privacy settings and parental controls where appropriate.
- Remind your child never to share personal information, photographs or videos without thinking about what could happen as a result.
- Encourage them to leave any group chats where inappropriate or harmful content is being shared.
- Reinforce the importance of reporting any concerns to a trusted adult at home or at school.
- Remind them that anything shared online can be difficult to remove and may have a lasting impact.

We have a range of online safety information and resources available on the school website [here](#). These provide practical advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online.

If you are concerned about child's online safety or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the contact form on the website. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact us directly at HPA-SafeguardingStaff@hallparkacademy.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our students safe both in school and online.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Norridge
Deputy Headteacher