

# **Online Safety**

At The Snaith School, the safety and well-being of our pupils in the digital world are paramount. We are committed to ensuring that all pupils, staff, and parents/carers are aware of the risks associated with online activity and are equipped with the knowledge and tools to stay safe. This section outlines our approach to online safety and the resources available to support our school community.

### **Our Commitment**

In today's digital age, pupils are increasingly using the internet for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the online world offers many opportunities, it also presents risks such as cyberbullying, online grooming, exposure to inappropriate content, and privacy breaches. The Snaith School is committed to creating a safe online environment by:

- **Educating our Pupils** We integrate online safety into our curriculum, teaching pupils how to use the internet responsibly, recognise potential dangers, and seek help if they encounter any issues online.
- **Staff Training** Our staff receive regular training on the latest online safety practices and legislation to effectively guide and protect our students.
- Engaging Parents/Carers We have our very own online safety hub to help parents understand the digital landscape and how they can support their children's online safety at home. This can be found in the resources for pupils and parents' section.
- Monitoring and Reporting We use advanced monitoring tools to detect and respond to any online safety issues that arise within the school network. Pupils and staff are encouraged to report any concerns to our pastoral team.

#### **Key Policies**

Our online safety policies are regularly reviewed and updated in line with new developments in technology and legislation. Key policies include:

- Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Outlines the expectations for students and staff when using school devices and accessing the internet.
- Anti-Bullying Policy Includes specific provisions for cyberbullying and the procedures for addressing such incidents.
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Details our approach to protecting students from online harm, including the steps we take to identify and respond to potential threats.



## **Resources for Pupils and Parents**

We provide a range of resources to help students and parents navigate the digital world safely through our Online Safety Hub:

https://theeducationalliance.onlinesafetyhub.uk/

## **How to Report Concerns**

If you or your child encounters any online safety issues, we urge you to report them immediately. You can:

 Speak directly to your child's Year Leader who will liaise with the relevant member of staff

| Mrs Cooper   | Year Leader – Year 7  |
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| Mrs Anderson | Year Leader – Year 8  |
| Mrs Mulley   | Year Leader – Year 9  |
| Mrs Price    | Year Leader – Year 10 |
| Mrs Charlton | Year Leader – Year 11 |

- Send an email to <u>office@thesnaithschool.org.uk</u> including the details of the issue and your child's name, this will then be sent to the relevant member of staff.
- Contact the safeguarding team on 01405 860327:

**Safeguarding Officer**- Mrs O'Sullivan

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mr Wilson – Director of Pastoral Care

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mr Barton – Deputy Headteacher

**Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Online Safety)**: Mr Nichols – Director of EBacc

Together, we can create a safer online environment for everyone in our school community.