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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are very fortunate that the majority of pupils at Aston understand their responsibility to be sensible and uphold respectful values and morals online. Your children's use of social media platforms such as Instagram, Whats App, Snapchat and Tik Tok will have increased during school closure, increasing their vulnerability online and we have some concerns over a minority of pupils' choices about what to post and comment upon.

I am writing to you to ask you to use this week to revisit conversations about your child's use of social media with them and to check that you have procedures in place at home to keep them safe from harm or from causing harm to others.

- For advice on how to set up parental controls offered by your internet provider please use this [LINK](#).
- Monitoring your children's smartphones can be very challenging, this [LINK](#) offers advice to parents.
- Please have a conversation with your child about their choices and responsibilities online. This [LINK](#) offers some advice on points to discuss with them.
- You can also access recommended website via our school website [LINK](#).

As a rule of thumb, if your child posts anything online that they wouldn't be prepared to show you then it is likely to be inappropriate. Thoughtless comments online are impossible to fully erase and can be harmful to young people in the future; please encourage reserved and measured use of the 'like' 'share' and 'comment' opportunities on public and private social media.

Thank you for your support in having these important conversations with your children. If you have any specific concerns about your own son's choices online please contact their Year Leader or Mr Downing [m.dowing@keaston.bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.dowing@keaston.bham.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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