

# St Edward's Academy

## eSafety: Home and Family Guidelines



At St Edward's Academy, everything that we do is underpinned by our HOPE values: Humanity, Optimism, Perseverance, Excellence. Like all other aspects of school life, our e-Safety measures are informed by our HOPE values, ensuring that all members of our community can live 'Life in all its fullness':

**Humanity** – We will ensure that all children and young people have the ability to use the internet creatively, fearlessly and knowledgeably. We will fulfil our duty of care towards young people online, both in school and by offering advice and guidance for e-safety outside of school.

**Optimism** - We aim to be leaders of educational awareness of internet safety. We will ensure our students are tech savvy and able to protect themselves, asking and receiving appropriate help, support and advice when needed.

**Perseverance** - It is our mission to empower teachers, school staff, parents/carers and students themselves with the knowledge needed to keep our community safe online.

**Excellence** - We live by our HOPE values that run through our entire school, our staff and policy and procedure and every student experience. Our HOPE values are a set of principles that guide our behaviours and the way we interact amongst ourselves and with others - in person and online.

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- The internet can be a wonderful resource. Talk to you child and learn together.
- Keep virus and firewall software up to-date.
- Remember that passwords should be kept private and not shared with others. Many e-Safety incidents relate back to the sharing of passwords.
- Involve everyone and agree your family guidelines and rules.
- Remember that sometimes what is acceptable for a Year 11 student is not necessarily acceptable for a Year 7 child. Ensure that students access appropriate content.
- Regularly discuss online safety and go online with your children. Communication is the key to 'staying safe' online.
- Enable your 'browser safe' search option and/ or consider using internet filtering software, walled gardens and child-friendly search engines. Critically, view all content as some websites are not what they appear.
- Keep the computer in a communal area of the house, where it's easier to monitor what your children are viewing. Do not let children have webcams, or similar, in their bedroom. Remember any image, sound or text can be copied and viewed by everyone.
- Talk to your children about why they should not to give out their personal details. If they want to subscribe to any online service, then make up a family email address to receive the mail.
- We all love to chat and students at secondary school particularly so. Encourage your children to use moderated chat rooms and never to meet up with an online 'friend'.
- Time spent online should be monitored to help prevent obsessive use of the internet. To stretch their minds, students need to follow a range of activities, many of which will be offline.
- Encourage your children (and in fact all family members) to tell you if they feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.
- Have proportionate responses if the family guidelines are not followed.
- Remember that computers, games consoles, mobile phones, etc are the doorway to the online world. We should all think before we post online!
- The same advice should be applied to Instagram, SnapChat, WhatsApp, TikTok and all online platforms.