



# Wolstanton High School

A Shaw Education Trust Academy



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

**Re: e-Safety**

In assemblies and tutor time this week we are talking about e-Safety, making sure that our pupils are fully aware of the dangers of misusing social media and the internet.

At our most recent inspection we were proud that safeguarding was singled out for praise. "The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. There is a strong safeguarding culture. Staff have a thorough awareness of their responsibilities."

I am writing to you in support of these assemblies and to ask for your support in helping us to ensure that children are aware of the dangers that they may be placing themselves and indeed others in if they abuse social media.

Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram are all very popular with teenagers. Children under 13 should not be allowed to use these sites, we would therefore expect that all of Year 7 and most of Year 8 do not have access to these forms of social media.

If you have chosen to allow your child to use social media, please to take a few minutes to look at these helpful parents guides.

[https://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat\\_guide.pdf](https://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat_guide.pdf)

<https://www.connectsafely.org/facebook-for-parents/>

You are also invited to take a look at our schools new Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on the school website. It has been revised to bring it in line with new legislation (Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018).

<http://www.wolstantonhigh.org.uk/uploads/files/policies/Safeguarding%20and%20Child%20Protection%20Policy%202018.pdf>

All our form tutors and teachers are trained to the highest standard and know how to support should a disclosure be made. Please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughters form tutor if you have an issue to raise or just a question to ask.

Safeguarding is at its most effective when teachers, parents and pupils all work together to ensure that school days are indeed the happiest days of your life.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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