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Dear Parent/Carer,

During lockdown, students will be spending increased amounts of time online so I would like to share some information with you so that you can help your child to stay safe online. Safeguarding updates will be posted on our Twitter feed @GreenshawHigh and under 'safeguarding notices' in the 'care and support' section of our website. There are links to lots of useful resources about online safety here <https://www.greenshaw.co.uk/care-and-support/student-support/online-safety>.

We have recently been alerted to some issues with a website called Omegle, which promotes the idea of video chatting to strangers. It is aimed at over 18s and contains adult content. We have been made aware that recently children as young as 11 have been engaging with it locally, and it has resulted in some threats to life, racial abuse and the sharing of videos of live sex acts. You can find out more information in the leaflet attached.

Here are some websites that you might find helpful:

www.nationalonlinesafety.com has a wealth of very useful information for parents, and you can follow them on Twitter @nationalonlinesafety to keep up to date.

www.internetmatters.org is full of tools, tips and resources for parents about helping children to make the most of the digital world

www.common sense media.org/parent-concerns promotes the use of safe technology and media for children

www.net-aware.org.uk is run by the NSPCC and contains details of over 70+ social media apps and games that young people are using

I hope that the information above will help you to talk to your children about online safety.

Yours sincerely,

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