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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to provide you with an important update regarding our safeguarding processes at Newark Academy. As you know, the safety and welfare of our students is our overarching priority and we work hard to ensure that our students are provided with a range of opportunities to help keep themselves and others safe. As modern society is ever changing, it is critical that we are aware of the current and emerging issues that many young people are exposed to, particularly due to the prominence of social media and the online world and the associated dangers or inappropriate actions and behaviours.

We provide a robust education for all our students and work hard to teach children how to keep themselves safe when online through formal PSHE lessons and bespoke enrichment opportunities. In addition, Newark Academy subscribes to an e-safety magazine (<http://www.newarkacademy.co.uk/page.php?p=esafety>). Students and parents can access this via the 'Student Wellbeing' section on our website.

The magazine is called DITTO and is written by an independent consultant who specialises in online safety. This comprehensive document provides a range of content aimed directly at parents to support their understanding of the potential dangers of being online and some of the issues that can surface due to the use of social media. There is also a section written by young people which students should access alongside parents.

The magazine is released each month and this week's topics discuss Advice for Parents, Cyber Bullying, Live Streaming and very helpful guide to Apps that young people are currently accessing. This is an excellent way for parents to keep abreast of your child's online activity and a great way to learn about the types of applications that they are accessing on a regular basis.

I hope that you find this useful and should you have any questions or would benefit from discussing the information in this letter then please do contact me at the school at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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