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A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: E-Safety Newsletter Module 1**

For those of you who had a child/children join the Academy this academic year this is the e-safety newsletter which is sent out on a modular basis. E-safety covers a range of online issues such as social media, gaming and cyberbullying. I hope you find these newsletters useful in helping ensure your child uses the internet safely. In the first newsletter of each year we always include the 'SMART' rules for staying safe online which can be found at the end.

**Twitch**

According to reports elsewhere an app of increasing popularity with young people is 'Twitch'. Twitch is a live streaming site and most of the students who say they use Twitch are simply watching streams, whilst a smaller number are going live themselves. A fundamental rule of e-safety to remember: offenders will be where the children are. It is therefore important we educate children to have the correct privacy settings and ensure if they do stream online they know who can see it. This is a message we deliver as an Academy and advise parents and carers to reinforce at home.

**Gaming**

ThinkUKnow (CEOP) have written a pretty comprehensive article for parents and carers regarding gaming including chatting, risks, tips etc. You can view the full article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming>

**Influencers**

An interesting article below from the BBC on 'Influencers'. Some interesting information on what Influencers are, how they earn their money and the legalities of this and also just an interesting insight into characters young people are following online:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49794327>

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## SMART Rules for Staying Safe Online:

# stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

### CRY Heart Screening

Although not linked to E-Safety I wanted to take this opportunity to publicise this hugely important service. CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) offer free screening to children aged 14+ (up to the age of 35) – they screen for inherited cardiac conditions. Any students can book themselves onto one of their public screening events which can be found here: [www.testmyheart.org.uk](http://www.testmyheart.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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