

Safeguarding at More House

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Referrals

Sometimes it is necessary, as part of our statutory duties, for the school to report concerns raised by pupils or staff to the local authority. This may happen, for example, as a result of poor attendance, a disclosure involving another pupil or member of staff or a disclosure involving parents or carers. Normally parents are informed before a referral is made unless such a move would be contrary to the girl's welfare.

Online Safety

How do we keep pupils safe online?

Girls in years 7 – 11 are required to hand in their phones during morning registration and only get them back at the end of the day; laptops, iPads and other computers are only permitted in school with written permission; school computers and the wifi are monitored via a filtering package which blocks unsuitable websites and searches; girls are taught about online safety through the PSHEE programme, assemblies, outside speakers and ICT lessons.

E-safety Talks

The girls and staff have recently attended talks on internet safety. Parents also attended their own evening presentation. Here are some points that were made by the guest speakers:

- Know what you are dealing with: parents are advised to familiarise themselves with the common social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Vine, YouTube, Tumblr, Secret, Yikyak and Whisper.
- Acronyms to watch out for: KPC- Keeping parents clueless, IWSN - I want sex now; GNOC - Get naked on camera; NIFOC - Naked in front of computer; PIR - Parent in room; CU46 - See you for sex; 53X - Sex; 9 - Parent watching; 99 - Parent gone; 1174' - Party meeting place; CID - Acid (the drug); Broken - Hungover from alcohol; 420 - Marijuana; POS - Parent over shoulder; SUGARPIC - Suggestive or erotic photo; KOTL - Kiss on the lips; (L)MIRL - Let's meet in real life; PRON - Porn; TDTM - Talk dirty to me; 8 - Oral sex; CD9 - Parents around/Code 9; IPN - I'm posting naked; LH6 - Let's have sex; WTTP - Want to trade pictures?; DOC - Drug of choice; TWD - Texting while driving
- Yik Yak and Omegle: We strongly suggest that these apps are not appropriate for girls to use as they involve talking to strangers; Yik Yak also involves the use of GPS.
- Facebook - The age at which children are permitted to have a Facebook account is 13. The same is true of most social media accounts. If your daughter set up an account before this age (and stated her actual age incorrectly), she should update this information as she may otherwise receive inappropriate content by way of adverts and the like. It is also worth noting that cover photos are never private, regardless of security settings.

YouTube Parental Controls

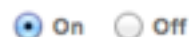
1. Go to <https://www.youtube.com> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

There, you will see some tabs and a reference to "Safety" and it will say "Off."



2. Next, click the "Off" button to access controls to turn on YouTube safety mode.

3. Then, select the "On" setting and click the Save button.



[Lock safety mode on this browser](#)

Safety mode lock prevents others from changing the safety mode settings on this browser.

4. After turning on YouTube safety mode and clicking the Save button, you will see an option to lock safety mode. (You can lock safety mode after you sign in.) For more information, go to <http://www.real.com/resources/youtube-parental-controls/>

With all apps, we would recommend that you follow or are friends with your daughter so that you can monitor her online activity.