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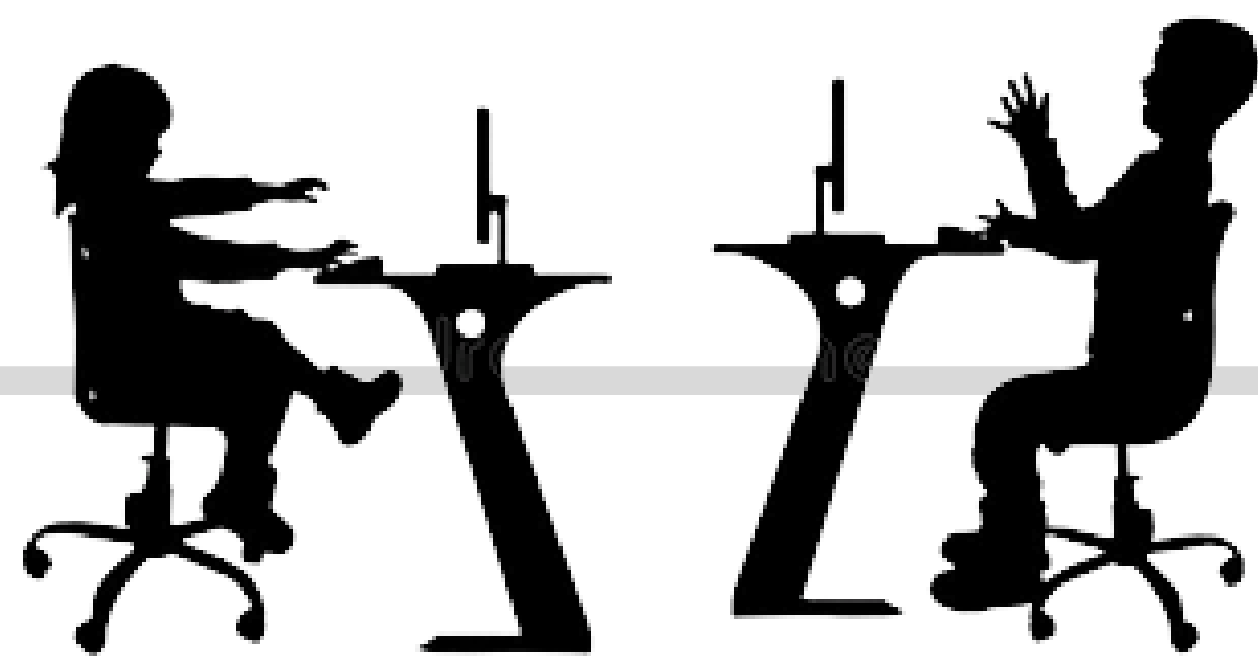
SAFEGUARDING For Remote Learning



CHILDREN
at RISK

HOW TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

At Godstowe, we constantly strive to keep our children safe. This document looks at the specific challenges that a period of remote learning will pose to parents, staff and children, and offers advice about actions we can all take to promote safeguarding.



WHILST THE PHYSICAL SCHOOL OF GODSTOWE IS CLOSED...

It may seem that this is no longer a concern however ...with asking children to be working remotely: staying safe on-line is of paramount importance

Parents - you can help by checking parental controls on home broadband and ...

- Making sure there are regular breaks away from the screen
- Monitor what your child is doing
- Use safe search on Google (and other browsers) and YouTube; encourage use of age-appropriate search engines
- Set clear boundaries of time of day, length of time and activities

KEY ISSUES

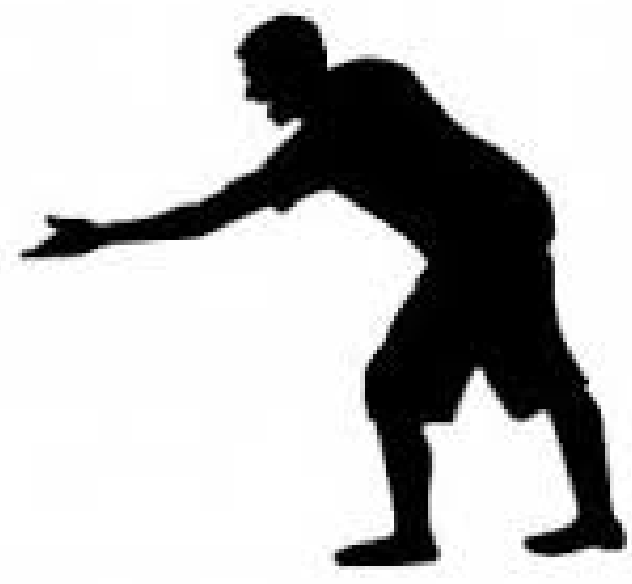
- Social media - the older children will, we are sure, be in contact with each other, either through an app/groups chat/ text message; please do check these as we can only monitor what we see ...
- It is very easy to get carried away in conversations online, children need to remember to only post kind and acceptable comments online
- Equally, they should remember never to post any details of themselves online



WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health and development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

At Godstowe, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children.



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- Set up safe social media profiles that do not share personal information
- Turn off geolocation settings on devices
- Use the strongest privacy settings on social media
- Learn how to block/mute and report inappropriate posts/content to the social media providers



DO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

- Agree how your child will respond to requests from people they don't know in real life
- Make sure your child knows to never meet up with anyone they don't know in real life
- Make your child aware that sometimes people have other identities online for dishonest reasons
- Talk to a trusted adult if they experience anything upsetting online
- Think carefully about sharing images of others
- Be responsible online, remembering they are creating their own digital footprint

PASTORAL SUPPORT

- Each day, Form tutors will be in contact with the members of their form to see how they are and how they are managing with the work that has been set
- Just as the children do in school, they can talk to their form tutor or indeed email Mrs Reynolds (Head of Upper School) or Mrs Rycroft (Head of Lower School) or Mrs Kenyon (Deputy Head Pastoral)
- Whilst it is less likely that Lodge children would email a member of staff directly with any concerns, Lodge parents are very welcome to contact Mrs Gillett or any of us with any concerns about safeguarding and working remotely



- We also have Mrs Bennett who is available to give support over a number of weeks if your child is struggling
- Parents, if you have any concerns, please do feel that you can contact the member of staff that you would normally turn to; we are all still working together to support your child.



MENTAL HEALTH

- In these uncertain times, what can you do to protect your child's mental health...
- Routine is important so try to have a timetable so that your child knows what the plan for the day is
- Try and build in some outside time - playing in the garden and getting some fresh air
- Get creative - baking a cake, drawing, painting, even helping with any jobs around the house can be valuable down time
- Reading is a great way of escaping - this can be a great time to explore new authors (Mrs Evans will be publishing ideas regularly)
- For those of you who enjoy Lego - try the 30-day Lego challenge or research sites for 100 + indoor activities (I am going to continue to learn Italian on Duolingo)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD...

If you are worried about a child whilst the physical school is closed, do please contact Iliffe Kenyon (DSL), or Mrs Sellers (DDSL). If you are unable to contact us and you are still worried , you can report a concern to the MASH (Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub) or the police. You should do this if in your opinion a child is at risk of immediate harm and no designated person is available.



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