



# GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Carers,

At Goldington Green Academy, we take our duty to safeguard all of our pupils very seriously. This includes our duty to safeguard children from the dangers they face online. Within school, stringent filtering and monitoring procedures and technology ensure that children cannot access inappropriate content.

Some of the most potentially harmful online locations for children and young people are social media platforms. The risks of social media use include contact with people they do not know; sharing of locations; exposure to harmful content and oversharing of personal information. The overwhelming majority of social media platforms have a minimum age limit of thirteen, meaning that no primary school pupil should be accessing them.

It can be difficult to keep up to date with the many new apps and platforms which are constantly being developed. Rather than trying to remember each individual app, it can be helpful to focus instead on potential dangers. Overarching considerations for you to be aware of are:

- What content could a child be exposed to on this platform?
- What contact could a child make via this platform and who with?
- What information could a child share via this platform and who with?

This is an ever-changing area of safeguarding and below are links to some very helpful websites.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/#:~:text=Most%20of%20the%20popular%20social,because%20of%20data%20protection%20laws>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

If you do have any concerns or would like any further advice in this area, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs C Skingsley**  
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**From the smallest seeds, to the tallest trees, always aiming higher; Give, Grow and Aspire**