

*Developing Potential without Limitations*

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Dear parents,

Safeguarding and E-Safety during Closures

During this period of school closures, the understanding the child protection and safeguarding are everybody's responsibility has never been so important. As a school we still have a duty of care to ensure our pupils and families are safe, and to act if we think they are vulnerable and in need of additional support. We have therefore written an appendix for our Child Protection Policy to ensure we are doing our best to rise to the challenge of our responsibilities during this time. You can find the policy on our [safeguarding page](#) of the school website.

Also on the [safeguarding page](#) is a new advice PDF from Womens Aid and the police regarding domestic violence. It has become very apparent that this time of enforced lock down is prompting a rise in domestic violence within the home as people react to the stress of being together all the time. If you, or anyone you know is affected by domestic violence, there is a new way to contact the police silently by dialling 999 and then 55

We have also updated the [e-safety information page](#) for parents and the [pupil e-safety page](#) with advice from the National Online Safety Organisation to support our families with keeping our pupils safe while using online distance learning and social media apps. Again, this is especially important given the recent reports of hacking and inappropriate material being shared on apps such as 'Zoom' and 'House Party'.

The parent page includes:

10 easy steps to protect your family and your child

1. Set parent controls on devices and check all your permission settings
2. Make sure your child is doing school work when they should be
3. Talk to your child about staying safe online - you can also access e-safety resources to help with this on Education City, Purple Mash and Espresso Discovery.
4. Agree rules on screen time
5. Encourage daily non-screen activities
6. Do not allow your child to access online streaming apps in their bedroom or when you are not present
7. Work in the same room as your child when they are online
8. Check their mobile devices regularly
9. Remind them of the NSPCC safety rules and who they can talk to if they are worried.
10. Look at the pupils' e-safety links on the school website together

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As ever, if you have any safeguarding concerns for any child, our school Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Reid, Mrs Tyzack and Mrs Sparks are here to help. You can contact us via email to office@frieth.bucks.sch.uk. Please mark your email 'Urgent Safeguarding Request' and one of us will contact you as soon as possible. For confidentiality reasons, please do not provide any details of your concern in the body of the email.

I hope you find these links and advice sheets useful and that together we can ensure our Frieth community is safeguarded during the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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