

Safeguarding & Child Protection at Meden School

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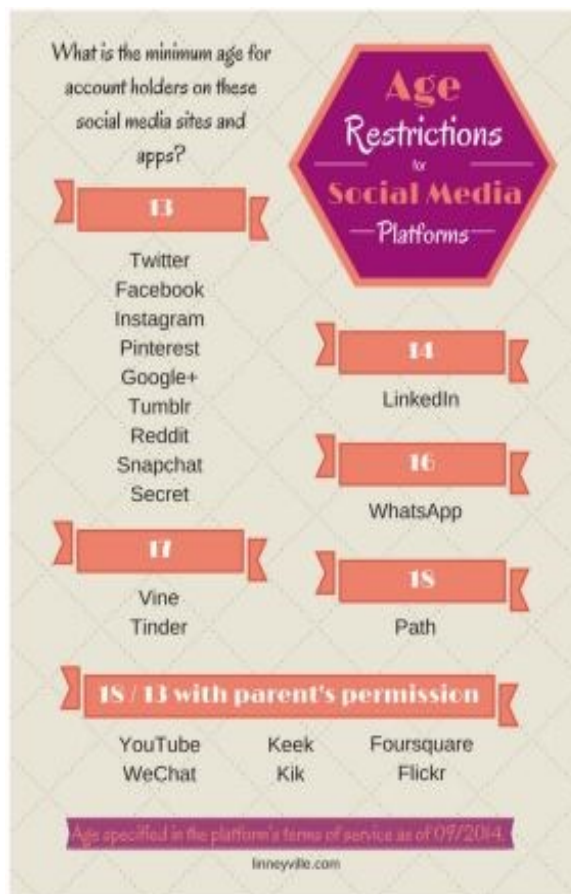


Online Safety Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online through any electronic device. This could happen to anyone and at any time so we all have to be aware of it. This type of bullying can be carried out almost anywhere and at any time. Victims can feel frightened, intimidated and alone. People can be subjected to fake gossip and rumours, having videos or pictures posted about them, being called names and derogatory terms and even receive voice notes that insult them. Online bullying can also cause arguments in school and threatening behaviour. The internet and social media are great places to learn and have fun with friends. However, we still need to protect ourselves from possible risks .

Age Restrictions on Social Media

Social Media is always changing and developing and this brings new risks. Do you know what your child is doing on line? Are you routinely talking to your child and checking what internet sites they are accessing? It is very important to monitor and teach your child some key internet safety rules.

1. Don't post personal information online such as your address, email or mobile number.
2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself or others. Once you have put a picture online you don't know who will share it.
3. Keep privacy setting as high as they can be.
4. Never give out your passwords. Don't befriend or add people you don't know.
5. Don't meet people you met online.
6. Remember not everyone is who they say they are.
7. Think carefully about what you say you post something. Once it is sent you can't get it back.
8. Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with them.
9. Use parental safety app
10. Unsure games are age appropriate
11. If a website or comment makes you uncomfortable, tell an adult and leave the site. You could report it to the moderator.



Useful Terms and Acronyms about Safeguarding.

DSL

Designated Safeguarding Lead. A member of staff who has had advanced Safeguarding Training.

Usually a Head of Year.

DBS

Disclosure and Barring Service. Used to make safe recruitment decisions.

MASH

Multi Agency Support Hub.

The NCC single point of contact to report all safeguarding concerns.

TAC

Team Around the Child.

A meeting as part of Early Help to create a plan to support a child.

TAF

Team Around the Family.

A meeting as part of Early Help to create a strategy to support a family.

NSCP

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership. A partnership of organisations in Notts that work to safeguard children.

What can Parents/Carers do?

If you concerned about the risks of social media you could remove some of these risks by creating a family social media account that you all have access to. This enables you to control the privacy settings and monitor how the account is being used. You could delete your child's personal account. The rules around age restrictions are in place to protect children and should be followed. We are aware that a lot of our students have Tik Tok accounts, but the age restriction for this site is 13. It is important that you discuss safe internet use with your child.

As a school we know that students have posted pictures and videos that they later regret. When posting things online it is important that children understand that some content may offend others. Videos and pictures that are designed to upset and hurt others are not acceptable. It is our aim that Meden students are kind and respectful people at all times.

If you have any concerns about bullying at our school you can contact us on:

01623 843517 or

bullying@medenschool.co.uk

Safeguarding Information at Meden School

As a commitment to safeguarding our students we aim to provide clear and detailed information to both parents and students. Our website is fully up to date with a range of information and links that can help you and your child. Full details can be found on the link below.

<https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=wellbeing>

If you have any concerns about a student or any member of our community you can contact the Notts MASH Team on the out of office number below.

0300 456 4546

You can also contact MASH during office hours on the number bellow. Referrals can be made anonymously on.

0300 500 80 90

MASH will also take online referrals on their website.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-children-and-families-alliance/pathway-to-provision/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash>

**Thank you for supporting us in safeguarding
all our students!**

Useful Terms and Acronyms about Safeguarding.

CP

Child Protection.

A specific issue that a student needs protecting from.

Safeguarding

The whole school approach to keep our students safe and aware of risk so they can thrive as individuals.

Early Help

Intervention to prevent a situation from escalating into abuse.

Who's who at Meden School?

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