



Dear Parent/Carer

eSafe Monitoring

As a school, we encourage the use by students of the rich information resources available on the internet, together with the appropriate skills to analyse and evaluate such sources. These skills are fundamental to our modern society. To ensure we can effectively safeguard our students whilst online, Joseph Rowntree School 'will commence a trial of a new system to monitor the school's digital environment from 4th November 2019. This monitoring will be carried out by eSafe who currently monitor over 1500 schools and Colleges across the UK.

eSafe is the only monitoring solution to combine intelligent detection software, expert human behaviour analysis and dynamic threat libraries to identify a range of safeguarding risks. The range of safeguarding risks that children may potentially face is broad with mental health issues being particularly prevalent, but incidents are rising across all categories. It is now a statutory duty for schools to monitor their digital environment in order to identify any potential threats to a student's welfare and wellbeing.

This system will keep pupils safe online when in school, but the range and complexity of technology can often seem bewildering, and parents and carers are key partners in helping to safeguard our children when using technologies such as laptops, tablets, smartphones and games consoles.

The website '<https://www.internetmatters.org/>' offers helpful advice on ways in which you can help to keep your child safe online, including age specific support and advice, and how to set up devices safely.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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