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Dear Parent/Guardian

Social Networking sites are widely used by our students, and unfortunately improper use of these can sometimes cause upset or concern to students and parents. These sites are not accessible at school, but we are concerned for our students well being and safety, therefore we have produced a "quick tips for staying safe online" guide which we hope you will discuss with your son/daughter. This guide is on the reverse of this letter and will also be in the student link book from September.

I have also attached a leaflet "e-Safety Practical advice for parents" which I hope will also be helpful.

Yours sincerely

D Mountney
Headteacher

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Aldridge School A Science College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, students and volunteers to share in this commitment.

Quick tips for Staying Safe Online

Put everything behind password protected walls, set so that only friends can see it.

Protect your password and make sure you really know who someone is before you allow them onto your friends list.

Blur or morph your photos a bit so they won't be abused by cyberbullies or predators.

Don't post anything you wouldn't want your parents, teacher or a predator to see.

Be nice to people online, if you post something it has your name attached to it so it can be traced back to you .

What you post online stays online - forever!!!! So think before you click!

Don't do or say anything online you wouldn't say offline.

Protect your privacy and your friends' privacy too...get their okay before posting something about them or their picture online.

Check what your friends are posting/saying about you. Even if you are careful, they may not be and may be putting you at risk.

That cute 14-year old boy may not be cute, may not be 14 and may not be a boy!
You never know!

And, unless you're prepared to attach your Facebook to your college/job/internship/scholarship or sports team application...make sure you have set your profile to private!

For more information about online safety visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk

To report online abuse go to www.ceop.gov.uk or click on the CEOP report button on the school website.