

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the long nights and colder, wetter weather we need to be mindful of reminding our young people of the basic safeguarding messages.

Young people must ensure that they can be seen when out at night, especially on country lanes. This can be done through clothing and lights. They must not get into the car of anyone they do not know and should instead call someone that they trust to help them. If they are attending parties, they should take extra care of themselves and not place themselves in situations where they could come to harm or their judgement is clouded.

Young people will be making use of the internet over the holidays and new gadgets may be given as presents. Please ensure the relevant filters and settings are in place to protect them as much as possible and have a discussion about online safety with them. There is a wealth of information on the National Online Safety site which you can subscribe to as a parent; you just need to create an account by clicking [here](#). You can report any online abuse via [CEOP](#), online to [Hampshire Constabulary](#) or if it relates to fraud, report it to [Action Fraud](#).

If you have any other safeguarding concerns over the holidays then please call Hampshire Children's Services on 0300 555 1384 (Out of Hours: 0300 555 1373) or email them on childrens.services@hants.gov.uk. If a child is at immediate risk of harm then you must call the Police. You can also contact the Safeguarding Team at the school for non-urgent matters via email on safeguarding@rmays.com. This will be periodically monitored over the break.

The Safeguarding Team