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HHS - Social Media Concerns



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Dear Parent

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to everyone at The Hessle Academy and we take every opportunity to remind our students and parents/carers about the risks associated with the use of social media.

Recently, we have been made aware of a small number of our students who have been the recipients of suspicious messages via social media. These incidents have been reported to the police by the child's parents and the police are currently investigating.

We would urge all parents and carers to speak with their children about the importance of protecting themselves online. If any parent finds that their child has received any contact that they are concerned or worried about, it should be reported immediately to the police on 101, using log number 334260122.

Further guidance on social media including information on age restrictions and how to apply appropriate privacy settings can be found here <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ukcis-social-media-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Yours faithfully

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