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Dear Parents/Carers,

Young People and Social Media

As part of our commitment to safeguarding our students, I'd like to share with you a website which has been recommended by the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board. NetAware is a joint venture by mobile phone provider O2 and the NSPCC. It is a regularly updated guide to social networking and the ever changing array of mobile apps available to children and young people. The website explains what each social network 'does', but perhaps more importantly, the suitability of content and the risk factors for the young people who use them.

NetAware can be found here (and is also available as an app): www.net-aware.org.uk



[Net Aware: Parents and young people review kids' social networks, apps & games](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

From Facebook and Instagram to Snapchat and Tumblr a simple no-nonsense guide for parents from NSPCC and O2 to the social media, apps and games that kids use

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10 Day Absences

As I am sure you are aware, a child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. Our attendance policy states:

There are significant child protection implications when the whereabouts of a student is not known. As a school we have a legal duty to report the absence of any student who is absent without an explanation for 10 consecutive days. If the student is not seen by a professional, e.g. their GP or a member of school staff, and contact has not been established with the named parent/carers then the Local Authority is notified that the student is 'at risk of missing'.

Therefore a member of Crofton School staff will visit the last known address and **ask to see the student**. If this is not possible, we will alert key services to locate the student. Crofton School and the local authority has a duty to locate, track, and monitor students missing from education and support them appropriately in returning to education. It is vital therefore that parents/carers ensure that we always have an up-to-date address and contact number. There will be regular checks on this throughout the year.

Our full attendance policy can be found here: <https://www.croftonschool.co.uk/policies>

If you have any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact one of the safeguarding or pastoral team.

I hope you and your family enjoy the Easter break.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Knight". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K'.

Miss A Knight
Assistant Headteacher