COVID-19 school online safety update for Maghull High School

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1. Context

From 8 January 2021 parents were once again asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response and for vulnerable children - who absolutely need to attend.
Schools have been tasked with providing remote learning for students for the period of their time at home.
This addendum of Maghull High School's Online Safety policy contains important information and guidance for staff setting and monitoring remote learning.

2. Online safety in school and colleges

Maghull High School will continue to provide a safe environment, including online. This includes the use of an online filtering system. Where students are using computers in school, appropriate supervision will be in place.

3. Children and online safety away from school and college

It is important that all staff who interact with children, including online, continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with as per the Child Protection and Safeguarding policy and where appropriate, referrals should still be made to the DSL, children's social care and as required, the police.
Online teaching should follow the same principles as set out in the school's code of conduct. Maghull High School will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements.

The following may be of use to parents and carers in ensuring that their children are safe whilst online at home:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC

- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Secondary school students can expect five hours equivalent of work a day. Below are some things to consider when delivering virtual lessons, especially where webcams are involved:

- No 1:1s, groups only
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household

- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms; and the background should be blurred
- Live classes in 'real time' should be recorded and teachers should be available online to answer queries at the allocated time for viewing
- Pre-recorded live classes should be kept to a reasonable length of time, or working through them may prevent the family 'getting on' with their day
- If lessons are pre-recorded, teachers are expected to be available in real time to support students in all lessons via live messaging/email.
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background
- Staff must only use platforms recommended or provided by the school to communicate with students and staff should only log into these platforms using a school email address
- Resources/ videos used must be age appropriate – the student may not have support immediately to hand if they feel distressed or anxious about content
- Staff should record, the length, time, date and attendance of any sessions held

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