

## AT MARTINS STAY SAFE:BE AWARE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Welcome to our guide on online safety for secondary school students and parents. The internet has become an integral part of our daily lives, offering endless possibilities for learning, entertainment, and socializing. However, it is also important to be aware of the potential dangers that come with online activities. Here are some tips to help you stay safe online:

1. **Protect your personal information:** Never share personal information such as your full name, address, phone number, or email address online without permission from a parent or guardian.
2. **Think before you post:** Be mindful of what you post online, including photos and comments, as they can be seen by anyone and can have long-lasting consequences.
3. **Be cautious of strangers:** Do not accept friend requests or engage in conversations with people you do not know. Remember that people online may not always be who they say they are.
4. **Be wary of scams:** Be careful when providing personal information or payment details online. Scammers often create fake websites or emails to trick people into giving away their information.
5. **Use strong passwords:** Choose a strong, unique password for each online account you have and avoid using easily guessable information such as your name or birthdate.
6. **Report any suspicious activity:** If you encounter any suspicious behaviour or content online, report it to a trusted adult or authority.
7. **Set privacy settings:** Review your privacy settings on social media and other online platforms to ensure that your personal information is only visible to people you trust.
8. **Keep devices updated:** Keep your devices, such as smartphones and computers, updated with the latest security patches and software updates to protect against malware and other security threats.

Remember, staying safe online is everyone's responsibility. By following these tips and using common sense, you can enjoy the benefits of the internet while protecting yourself from potential dangers.

