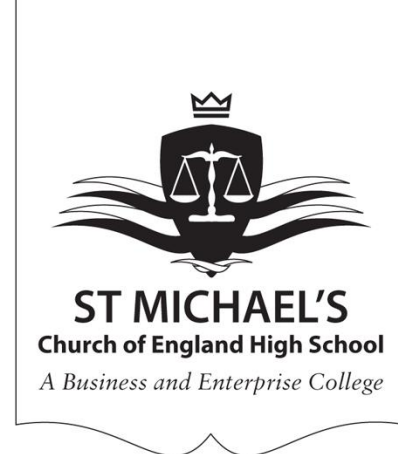


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Dear Parent/Guardian

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

We have been notified by The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) of a Facebook page called *Singles and Couples*, via which it is possible to access the individual Facebook pages of its users. It appears that a small number of St Michael's students have used the page and, whilst there was nothing untoward on their pages, the fact that they were "open", ie without any privacy settings, they were making themselves very vulnerable to sexual predators.

Although I am sure that many of you are already very aware of the importance of internet safety, CEOP are reiterating the message that parents should be monitoring what their children are doing on Facebook. We have been asked to remind parents that any child under the age of 13 years of age should not be using Facebook; anyone above 13 should only be using it with parental consent, and should be monitored until the age of 16.

Yours sincerely

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