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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Aylesbury High School, we are committed to providing our pupils with a modern, engaging, and safe digital learning environment. Following a recent upgrade to the school's technical infrastructure, we have conducted a comprehensive review of the digital tools and applications used within our curriculum.

Ensuring Data Privacy

Modern educational software frequently updates its Terms and Conditions to comply with evolving UK data protection laws (UK GDPR). Many of these platforms now require explicit authorisation for student use. To ensure that your child's learning is not interrupted by administrative delays, the school will be acting *in loco parentis* to provide these authorisations on behalf of our pupils.

Our Due Diligence Process

We take our responsibility for your child's data privacy and online safety very seriously. Before any application is approved for use in the classroom or unblocked on our network, it undergoes a rigorous Due Diligence Process. Our IT team evaluate each tool to ensure:

- **Educational Value:** The application serves a clear purpose in enhancing the curriculum and supporting learning outcomes.
- **Data Security:** Pupil data is handled securely and is not shared with unauthorised third parties.
- **Safeguarding Compliance:** The platform meets national standards for digital safety and the "Keeping Children Safe in Education" (KCSIE) guidelines.

What This Means for You

By acting *in loco parentis* for these digital tools, we ensure that teachers can continue to use innovative resources without requiring you to sign individual consent forms for every minor update to a provider's terms.

Our priority is to maintain a balance between cutting-edge educational technology and the highest standards of digital safeguarding.

We thank you for your continued patience and support as we finalise these upgrades to our school systems. If you have any specific questions regarding our data privacy policies or the

applications used in your child's year group, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to direct your inquiry appropriately.

Kind regards,



Mrs Marieke Forster
Headmistress