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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re. New Resource – The Hive**

I am delighted to inform you of a new resource and information hub that the school has developed and launched this week. The Hive has been created by TCOLC for TCOLC students and aims to support your child around a range of topics, including mental health and wellbeing, on-line safety, relationships, bullying and many more PSHE, RSHE, personal development and safeguarding related topics.

We recognised the need to make it easier for young people to access quality information and advice, either for themselves or with the support of an adult, hence why the Hive was created. In essence, The Hive, is an information and advice hub that has taken the hard work out of searching the internet for you and your child. The Hive contains links to websites, such as ChildLine, Thinkuknow, YoungMinds and many more. Your Child will be able to access a wealth of resources, including informative videos and information sheets on the following topics:

- Abuse and safety
- Bullying, including cyberbullying
- Family issues
- LGBTQ+
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- On-line Safety
- Sex and relationships
- Sexual abuse and sexual harassment

TCOLC students will also be able to contact the Hive directly using our dedicated email address: [hive@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:hive@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk) should they have a concern or wish to find out any more information about a certain topic.

The Hive can be accessed through your child's school Teams account using their usual school email address and login. To reassure parents/carers, we have ensured the highest privacy and security settings for this account and no child will be able to post messages or share content whilst using The Hive. Furthermore, to ensure The Hive contains age appropriate content for students across years 7-11, the college has set up separate Hive accounts for students in Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5.

We ask all parents/carers to encourage their child to explore the resources and information available. Furthermore, please do not hesitate to get in touch, using The Hive email address if there are additional topics that you or your child would like to see included as part of The Hive.

I thank you for your support and welcome your recommendations.

Best wishes,



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