

Dear Parent/Carer,

iRIS Connect

I am writing to provide you with information concerning our latest investment in your child's education. At Spen Valley High School we encourage our staff to continually look for ways to raise teaching standards and consequently improve outcomes for our students. To support this, we've invested in IRIS Connect which is a package that will enable teachers to video record their teaching in a structured manner, watch and reflect upon their impact on the learning taking place, in order to enhance teaching and delivery.

Although video is a powerful tool for accelerating teaching and learning, we know it's vital that the students featured in a lesson recording are appropriately protected at all times. This is why IRIS Connect have built a system that's rooted in data protection, privacy and safety and ensures outstanding security. All video footage is kept on secure and trusted servers that never enter the public domain. The use of IRIS Connect is strictly for professional development and satisfies our strict policies on keeping children safe and protecting personal data. Parents and carers who have already expressed that they have not given permission for their child to be filmed can be assured that any recording will only be used internally for staff development, is password protected and will not be shown or published externally.

If you would like to find out more about iRIS Connect, their website provides an excellent overview: [www.irisconnect.co.uk](http://www.irisconnect.co.uk)

If you have any further questions about this initiative or any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Rhodes

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