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Online safety

Dear Parents/Carers,

During this period of 'home learning', your child may be spending more time communicating with others via online games/ apps, etc.

We advise all parents to keep a check on what their child is doing online/ who they are communicating. Please remind your child to report any concerns to you immediately.

Some general online safety reminders:

- Please remind your child not to give away their personal information and not to talk to strangers. If you haven't already, set up parental restrictions on your internet and ensure you are able to monitor what your child is doing. Spot check their devices randomly and regularly.
- Remind your child to report any concerns that they have to you.
- Remind children about acceptable online behaviour.
- Many parents want to trust their children and therefore don't monitor their online activity regularly. To protect your child you must know what they are doing online. Parents should not leave children unmonitored on the internet or on games where there are shared chats, etc...

If you have any concerns in relation to online safety, you can always contact school for advice. There is also age appropriate practical support for children from the following websites:

- Childline – for support
- UK Safer Internet Centre – to report and remove harmful content
- CEOP – for advice on making a report about online abuse.

Parents and carers may choose to supplement the work that school have set with support from online companies or individual tutors. If this is the case, parents should ensure that they secure any online support from a reputable organisation/ individual who can provide evidence that they are safe and can be trusted to have access to children.

Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online includes:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC

- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

For further information on keeping your child safe on the internet, please also consult the link below:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?gclid=EAAlQobChMI-YvV7uHG6AIVVuDtCh1n9w0EEAAYAAEgI50fD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

In addition to these useful links, there are lots of online safety resources on the school website, which I would encourage you to access.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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