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Dear Parent/Carer

Keep your child safe online

There are huge benefits to being online in being able to stay connected to family and friends during this period, however it is also important to be aware about the activities and content your child may be accessing. It is therefore, important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage your child to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

What harms might my child experience online?

- child sexual abuse – a definition
- exposure to radicalising content
- youth-produced sexual imagery ('sexting')
- cyberbullying
- exposure to age-inappropriate content, such as pornography
- exposure to harmful content, such as suicide content

The government have provided some useful guidance and resources (shown on the link provided below) to help keep your child safe from different online risks and where to go to should you or your child need support and advice.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online

the following key resources shown below, provide resources and guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. These resources will support you when talking to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on devices.

- Thinkuknow by National Crime Agency-CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- Childnet has developed guidance for parents and carers to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as guidance on keeping under-fives safe online
- Parent Info is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- NSPCC has guidance for parents and carers to help keep children safe online
- UK Safer Internet Centre provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre

If you or your child has any concerns about online safety, please do not hesitate to contact a member of your child's Year Achievement Pastoral Team and we will arrange to provide support and guidance for your child.

Yours faithfully

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