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Dear Parent/Carers,

At this current time, we are relying on the internet to enable the children to access learning resources. As a result of this, we need to ensure that the children are safe online. Every year group teaches the children about online safety however, it is now important that you also talk to your children about what being safe online means.

This is a time when many young people will be vulnerable and unfortunately, the potential for exploitation will be at its highest.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has identified the following online risk categories;

- Behaviour: sharing too much information
- Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content or fake news
- Contact: strangers, bullies, groomers or radicalisers can contact children
- Commercialism and financial exploitation: hidden costs of advertising in apps, games and websites
- Extremism and radicalisation

To help you keep your children safe online we have compiled a list of online resources made specifically for parents.

- 1. <u>NSPCC NetAware</u> provides a useful guide to social networks, apps and guide.
- 2. <u>National Online Safety</u> have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning for Parents, Children and Teachers.
- 3. <u>Thinkuknow</u> is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline for different age groups and parents.



4. <u>Childnet</u> has produced a Parent and Carer Toolkit which is a collection of three resources designed to help you talk to your child about their online life, manage boundaries around family internet use and point you in the direction of where to get further help and support.

We hope you find these resources useful. If you want further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Together we can keep our children safe online.

Kind regards,

Mr Nash

Designated Safeguarding Lead

