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Dear Parents,

As we continue to navigate an increasingly digital world, we want to take a moment to address an important topic: online safety for our children.

With access to the internet becoming a daily part of life for many kids, it's essential that we work together to ensure their safety. While the internet offers countless educational resources and opportunities for connection, it also poses risks that can impact our children's well-being.

Through informal discussions with the children we have come to identify that most of the children in school have access to devices including ipads/tablets, games consoles, laptops/computers and parents phones. The most popular activities children partake in are watching videos, playing roblox, playing minecraft and FIFA.

We are passionate about supporting parents to keep their children safe online and we are therefore attaching some links to help you on their specific apps/games. Here are some other key points...

- It is wise to keep devices in the 'family room' where children are supervised.

- It is important to monitor screen time to ensure children are accessing a healthy amount of time on devices.

- We would advise against using devices before bedtime as this can lead to the brain becoming overstimulated which can effect sleep.

- Please also be mindful if your child is using a device which belongs to a parent or older sibling as the content that has been accessed may not be suitable for younger children and the appropriate restrictions may not have been set.

The CEOP website provides lots of guidance for parents on a wide range of topics;

https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=68&ref=4765&keyWord=

The following links are specific to our children's interests;

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/ - ROBLOX

Is Roblox safe for my child?

Six tips to help you decide if Roblox is suitable for your child and what settings you should use.

www.nspcc.org.uk

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/ - YOUTUBE

 https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-minecraft-safe-for-children/ - MINECRAFT

https://www.playstation.com/en-us/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/ - PLAYSTATION

If you have any other concerns regarding your child's safety online please do get in touch.

Kind regards

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