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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: E-safety Information

Children and young people still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely. There are four main places you can find parental controls and it can help to set up a combination of these:

1. **Internet provider:** you can set up filters to help block access to inappropriate content on any device that connects to your home Wi-Fi.
2. **Mobile operator:** filters are often automatically set up on mobile contracts, but you can double-check with your provider.
3. **Devices:** many devices have parental control settings, for example, to help restrict spending in apps or disable location functions.
4. **Online services:** sites like BBC iPlayer and YouTube have parental control settings to help restrict access to inappropriate content.

It is worth being aware that no parental controls or filtering options are 100% effective. Remember, it might feel like children know more about technology but you know more about life and most importantly about how to keep them safe!

You can visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> to check **the 65 most popular social networks, apps and games** your children are using. For example, the official age rating for "Discord", voice and text chat app is 13+, "Slap Kings", free mobile game is 12+, Fortnite, a popular survival action game is 12+ and TikTok, a social media platform is 13+. Please look at this website to make sure your children are not being unlawful.

Safe to Net is an award winning mobile app that aims to help educate and guide children to become safer and better digital citizens and improve the wellbeing of children online. Primary children will need some guidance when setting up and initially using the app on their phone. The parent app will need to be linked to the child's app. It also helps parents and carers to better understand their child's online world.

Safeguarding their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting.

Due to Covid -19 **Safe to Net** are giving a million free licences to UK parents that sign up before the 30 August 2020: <https://safetonet.com/foundation/covid/>



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Also see the following websites to help ensure that your child's online experience remains positive.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.internetsafety.com/internet-safety-tips-for-parents.php>

If you would like any help or you would like to discuss any concerns that you may have around e-safety, please come and see me.

Your sincerely,

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