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Dear Parents and Carers

Keeping children safe on line – remote learning

Keeping children safe during remote education is essential as technology and the internet often provide the platform that facilitates harm. Technology has become a significant factor in many safeguarding issues. These issues can be categorised into three areas of risk:

- **content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material; for example pornography, fake news, racist or radical and extremist views;
- **contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example commercial advertising as well as adults posing as children or young adults; and
- **conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example making, sending and receiving explicit images, or online bullying.

It is important for you to have regular conversations with your children about staying safe online and to encourage them to speak to you if they come across anything worrying.

The government has published a list of resources for parents and carers to keep children safe online. These resources will support you to: talk 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 digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) 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
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (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 have any concerns about your child's safety online please speak to a member of the school senior leadership team for advice.

If you think your child is at risk of immediate harm, please do not hesitate to contact the police.

For further support please see: **Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online** Updated 25 June 2020.

Yours sincerely

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