

Our Ref: Safeguarding/PDE/LFo

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All Parents/Guardians
Primary & Secondary Phases

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Online Parental Controls / Safety Settings

We are all very aware that children and young people today are engaging with online content daily, whether it be via their laptops, PCs, gaming or their smartphones - utilising a huge variety of different sites and social media. Never before has so much information (true or false, good or bad) been so readily available to all. This all brings with it the risk of them coming into contact with people they don't know, purporting to be someone they're not, advertising, adult/distressing content, bullying, cat phishing, grooming etc., sadly, the list goes on.

As part of our ongoing mission to keep children safe online, we have included two links below to helpful guides, produced by Vodaphone, covering parental controls and safety settings together with short guidance films.

[Parental Controls & Safety Settings Guide](#)
[Digital Parenting](#)

We would urge you to have a read through the guide, which gives useful tips on conversations to have with your children around their online usage, setting boundaries, age restrictions, parental controls for gaming as well as internet usage.

Please also see further resources in the following links:

[NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe/Online Safety](#)
[BBC Bitesize - Online Safety](#)
[Safer Internet - Helping Children/Young People Stay Safe Online](#)

If you have any concern that your child has been involved in unsolicited chats and/or you are worried (or have graver concerns) they are chatting with unknown users then please inform the school and the police.

We hope you find the above resources useful and informative.

Yours faithfully,



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