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Dear Parents and Guardians

On-Line Safety Advice

Young people today have many decisions to be made in relation to how they stay safe online and manage their online learning and life which is different to previous generations.

We are constantly reflecting on our work in school to ensure that we do all we can to help the students use these technologies to their advantage whilst remaining safe. We also recognise from talking to some parents that they would also welcome knowing more themselves. The NSPCC say that 'arguably parents have the biggest role to play in keeping their children safe online. However, we also know some parents feel their children know more about the online world than they do and therefore don't feel confident in speaking to their children about online issues'. The NSPCC are presently running a campaign called 'TEAM' where they encourage parents to consider the following:

T – Talk about staying safe online

E – Explore their online world together

A – Agree rules about what's OK and what's not

M – Manage your family's settings and controls

The NSPCC website has a wealth of resources to support parents and professionals working with young people and the link to the page on their website is: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

They also have an online safety helpline so if you have a question about parental controls or concern about a social network your child uses then you can speak to their expert advisors for free on 0800 8005002.

Yours sincerely

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