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Computing Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

 Welcome to the academic year 2020/2021. We have been facing one of the most challenging times in history, due to Covid 19. Despite what is happening we want to reassure you that the children’s safety is our priority. This is the reason why we want children not only to be safe while doing their learning in school but we also want them to be safe online. E-safety encompasses Internet technologies and electronic communications such as mobile phones and wireless technology. It highlights the need to educate children and young people about the benefits and risks of using new technology and provides safeguards and awareness for users to enable them to control their online experiences.

**Ways parents can help children stay safe online**

* **Prioritise safety**- Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to.
* **Set parental controls**- Agree a list of websites your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook and YouTube
* **Discuss their activity**- Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends.
* **Set boundaries-** Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and games consoles. Make sure to set aside time for “unplugged” family
* **Be open**- Let them know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet, and that you’ll listen without judgement.

**Benefits of using the Internet in education**

* Access to world-wide educational resources including museums and art galleries;
* Inclusion in the National Education Network which connects all UK schools;
* Educational and cultural exchanges between pupils world-wide;
* Access to expert in many fields for pupil and staff;
* Professional development for staff through access to national developments, educational materials and effective curriculum practice;
* Exchange f curriculum and administration data with the Local Authority.

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### ****Useful Links abut E-Safety****

* **BBC Web wise:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/a-z/>
* **Free advice on being safe online:** <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>
* **Safe search engine for children:** <http://primaryschoolict.com/>
* **Teaching online safety in school-GOV.UK:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-online-safety-in-schools>
* **CEOP:** <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

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**Words of advice for parents and carers**

Although cyber security software can help protect against some threats, the most important safety measure is open communication with your children. If we all work together, the children’s experiences online can be safe, fun and interactive. We are all part of the team for the betterment of the children.

**Other Information**

If parents need to contact us, please use the school phone number or email:

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