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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day

This week we talked about Safer Internet Day during assembly. This year's theme is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online' and the UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a useful fact sheet for parents and carers which we have attached with this letter.

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online, we have compiled a number of tips to help you:

- 1) Take an interest in the online applications or game your child is using. The more you know, the more you will be able to help your child.
- 2) Make sure parental controls are turned on and you are aware of what your child can and cannot do online.
- 3) Talk to your child about e-safety. The more they know, the safer they will be. There are some fantastic resources available to help you with this, please see the links at the end of our letter.
- 4) Do your research before allowing your child to use an app, be aware of the age restrictions, the access, and the safeguarding tools the app has.

Please be mindful that most social media apps have an age restriction of 13+, meaning that children in primary school **should not** be accessing these applications.





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Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

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Dr Ross Silcock Headteacher

<u>BBC Own It</u> Parents - help kids make the most of their lives online - Own It - BBC

<u>Parent's guide to social media</u>

Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre

UK Safer Internet Centre

Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre

<u>Think u know</u>

Parents homepage (thinkuknow.co.uk)

<u>Child Net</u>

Childnet — Online safety for young people

NSPCC Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC



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