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Dear Parents,

ESAFETY AWARENESS

At school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously, including their safety while they access the internet. We want this approach to esafety to spread to the home online environment too and we would like to share with you some tips and resources to help to keep you up to date in a digital world.

We already have some important documents on our school website under the Parents tab and the Safeguarding link:
- Internet matters Safety Guidance
- Online Safety – A Short Guide For Parents

Here are a few tips to help keep your child safe online:

- Think u Know (www.thinkuknow.co.uk) is always a good place to start.

- UK Safer Internet Safer Internet Centre (http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers)

  This site advises you to take four steps:
  1. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online
  2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services
  3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet
  4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in Parents' Guide to technology

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Digital Parenting is another useful website to look at http://www.pitda.co.uk Digital parenting also advises you to set 'ground rules' by making your own family IT policy.
Ideas for creating your own Family IT Policy:

The big issues:
Create boundaries and rules for the amount of time your child can spend online. It's never too early to start putting limits in place.

Worth Checking:
Take time to check educational apps, games and TV shows on offer and the age ratings and descriptions for them.

Talk it through:
Share technology rules with grandparents, baby sitters and older siblings, so that they stick to them when they look after your child or use the family computer.

And finally…
The rules and conversations you have now will set the tone for your child's internet use as they get older and keep them safe.

I have enclosed a Cyberbullying leaflet for you to share and discuss with your child in order to raise awareness of this important issue. I have also attached an eSafety parent survey, which will enable us to gain a better understanding of gaps in knowledge or information that we could support you with through information sessions or through signposting to relevant resources. Please could all completed surveys be returned by Monday 23rd January.

Kind Regards,

Clare Lamb
Headteacher

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