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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Helping your child stay safe online

Today, during Tutor time, the pupils all had a chance to review how they can stay safe online as part of **Safer Internet Day**.

In these difficult times it is inevitable that children will be spending more time online, playing games and contacting friends. In light of this you will want to talk with your child to remind them of the risks linked to online activity and about how to stay safe online. We thought that you would find it useful to have some resources to support you in this.

The risks are grouped into 4 categories:

1. **Conduct:** children's behaviour may put them at risk
2. **Content:** access to inappropriate or unreliable content may put children at risk
3. **Contact:** interaction with unsuitable, unpleasant or dangerous people may put children at risk
4. **Commercialism:** children's use of platforms with hidden costs may put them at risk

The following links also provide excellent resources to support you in talking about e-safety with your child.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/safety-in-your-community/ssct/ssct-resources/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Take care, stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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