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INTERNET SAFETY INFORMATION

Dear Parents/ Carers,

E-safety is an integral part of education in today's digital world and is embedded in children's learning at school. At West Moors Middle School we want to help our parents/ carers and children develop an understanding of the ever increasing e-safety issues to ensure that we keep our school community safe when using the internet and digital media.

To support, we've suggested a few internet sites at the bottom of this page which are fantastic resources. They contain information on different types of social media and how to help keep our children safe and secure. Please can we encourage parents/carers to have open discussions with their children about their online activity and what they can do to use the internet safely and protect themselves and others.

Below are links provided by the Safe Schools & Communities Team (SSCT), which is a partnership between Dorset Police and the Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service. They highlight the risks of 'Livestreaming' and how parents and carers can protect their children. The second video looks at 'Online Video Viewing and Sharing' and gives tips on how to keep children safer.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

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

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

Also attached is their free guide to answer questions and help support parents in enabling their children to grow into responsible digital citizens. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows, and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAare](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)

At West Moors Middle School we are committed to working with all parents/ carers to ensure that our children understand online safety and encourage them to ask any questions both at school and at home. We hope that this information is helpful and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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