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Dear Parents and Carers

As the summer holidays are now upon us, we are aware that the children's use of electronic devices and the internet will inevitably increase, and they may spend more time gaming and socialising with others online. Therefore, e-safety has never been more important. I am writing to you to signpost some good resources and guides that you might find helpful in supporting you and your child with keeping safe online.

The apps and games that are available to our children are constantly evolving, so sometimes it is difficult to make sense of which content is age-appropriate; which games are safe to play; and exactly what your child is being exposed to. We have added Help Guides for parents and carers from a variety of reputable online safety charities and companies, with information along the lines of how to manage the settings; privacy modes; how to report concerns; and what to expect from the app or game. These handy guides can be found on the safeguarding section of our website at:

<https://www.blackwell.w-sussex.sch.uk/index.php/en/safeguarding/e-safety>

Thinkuknow have created a page to support parents during Covid-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, they will be releasing a new presentation for parents and carers to help with online safety at home. This is the link: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>

Childnet have released some online safety videos specifically for 6-9 year olds. They are about the 'SMART' e-safety rules and can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/video-lessons>

You can find useful guides about how to set up parental controls and restrictions on a huge range of devices here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

YouTube is a very popular site amongst children of all ages, but it has a large amount of age inappropriate content. Last year, YouTube launched a new version specifically for children under 13 years old: <https://www.youtubekids.com/>

London Grid for Learning have produced a poster for parents of primary aged children reinforcing some basic online safety tips for parents. It can be found by following this link: <https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/digisafe/Parent-Top-Tips-Safe-Online-Corona.pdf>

I hope you find these links helpful. We wish you a safe and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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