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Dear Parent/Carer,

During the period of school closure we are all increasingly using electronic devices and the online environment via the internet. Whilst technology has been really useful for us to set home learning and for us to interact with children and parents it is also a time to remind ourselves of online safety and behaviour.

Our school platforms (Google Classroom and See Saw) are monitored by teachers who are able to check comments and online behaviour. I have, however, been made aware of a small number of occasions where children from a few year groups have demonstrated unkind and unacceptable behaviours using apps or platforms that exist **outside** of our school monitoring on WhatsApp or Instagram.




I thought it would be useful to signpost parents to a few websites that can help with online safety and measures that you can take to make sure that children are safe online. Please continue to monitor your child's online activity daily and ensure that they are using age appropriate apps. Most App providers have minimum age requirements for pupils to join.

Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



	<p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online#parents https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online</p>
	<p>https://hwb.gov.wales/zones/online-safety</p>
	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</p>
	<p>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</p>
	<p>https://www.childnet.com/</p>

Please click on the above links where you will find a wealth of information regarding online safety. If we can offer any advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact us at school via the school e mail address.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

