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Dear Parent/Carer

As our students continue to use online opportunities to continue with their learning and keep in touch with friends and family it is ever more important that we ensure they can do this safely. We previously provided students with guidance for staying safe online. Please help us to keep students safe online by revisiting this guidance and talking to them about their online activity.

Other ways you can help keep your child safe online include:
- Setting age-appropriate parental controls on any digital devices
- Using internet filters to block malicious websites. These are often provided free by your internet or phone provider but may need to be turned on
- Understanding what sites and social media apps your child uses and how
- Talking to your child about what they would do if something happened online that upset them or made them feel uncomfortable

There are a range of resources available to support parents and carers to keep children safe online:
- Thinkuknow provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- Parent info is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance from leading experts and organisations
- Childnet offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- Internet matters provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- London Grid for Learning provides support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- Net-aware has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- Let's Talk About It has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- UK Safer Internet Centre has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

Yours sincerely

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