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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Support for parents/carers to keep their children safe online

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online to stay connected to family and friends during this period and to learn online, we recognise that many parents/carers may feel concerned about the activities and content that their children are accessing. This communication outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice.

The issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. Please find enclosed a Childnet poster for parents/carers, which provides information and advice for parents/carers.

Additionally, please can I direct all parents/carers to the government advice for keeping children safe online.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/child-safety-advice)

Within the guidance, parents and carers will find resources that will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices.

Furthermore, the guidance provides guidance, support, and further links for:-

- Child Sexual Abuse
- Radicalising Content
- Sexting (Youth-produced sexual imagery)
- Cyber Bullying
- Age-Inappropriate Content
- Suicide Content
- Support for Children

Please can I also raise my disappointment in some of the conduct of a small minority of our students during the live lessons so far, resulting in some students having to be removed from sessions for their

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inappropriate input into lessons. Students should refrain from using their microphones (unless directed from the teacher). Furthermore, the chat function should be only used to communicate directly with the teacher to address misconceptions **during lesson time.**

If a parent/carer wishes for their child to change their password, they should contact their child's head of year who now can do this for their own cohorts.

I politely request that parents/carers closely monitor the conduct of their child to ensure the quality of education for all.

Yours faithfully



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