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Re: Keeping Your Children Safe on the Internet

Dear Parents and Carers,

While there are huge benefits to being online during this period, there are also many associated risks to the wellbeing of your children. Attached to this letter are resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to get support and advice. These resources have been created by Childnet International, which is a registered UK charity aimed at making the internet a safer place. The attached documents include:

- 1) "Let's talk about life online", tips to help guide a conversation you could have with your children about the Internet. It also has a list of ten messages your children should hear. For example, "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."
- 2) A family agreement to help solidify exactly what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour online.
- 3) A resource sheet with lots of organisations you can look at for additional information as well as help and advice.

It is vital children are prepared with the skills and knowledge that will allow them to deal with challenging situations or material on the Internet. Also equally important is having an open environment at home where internet use is supervised and it is clear what children are accessing at all times.

Best regards,

Mr Faircloth