Dear Parent/Carers,

We would like to reinforce the importance of children staying safe online at all times and in particular during the forthcoming period of remote learning at home.

From time to time, Montgomery staff will set tasks and activities which refer to clearly defined websites and online resources. It will also be clear which school staff children will be interacting with.

It is vitally important that children operate within a safe online environment and we encourage all parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and to use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are often free, although usually need 'switching on'. Please also use specific game, social media and other digital platform site abuse and malpractice reporting systems to report any concerns.

Please use these resources and those listed below to support your actions to keep your children safe online:

- support for parents and carers to keep children safe online, which outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice

- guidance on staying safe online which includes information on security and privacy settings

- 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 for parents 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 has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged 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

Please raise any safeguarding concerns in relation to remote online education by emailing the Montgomery Academy central admin mailbox admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk.

Some of the practical support for reporting harmful or upsetting online content, bullying and online abuse is shown below:

Harmful or upsetting content
- reporting harmful online content to the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

- getting government advice and trusted resources from [Educate Against Hate](#) on safeguarding from radicalisation, building resilience to extremism, and promoting shared values

Bullying or abuse online
- get advice on reporting online abuse from the National Crime Agency's [Child Exploitation and Online Protection command](#)

- get advice and support from [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) for children who are being bullied

Kind Regards,
Miss Smith