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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Oak Primary School, we take online safety very seriously and work with yourselves and your children to keep them safe online. Using the internet can be a wonderful and educational experience, as many of us have learned during home learning in lockdown. However, it can also be an unsafe place for children if the correct protections and awareness are not in place.

On the whole, most children are very sensible online. However, a very small number of some of our children sometimes do not keep themselves as safe as they should be online. This has included:

- Posting content online showing their school uniform
- Interacting and messaging unknown people via chat rooms and games
- Playing unsuitable games such as Call of Duty / Grand Theft Auto (rated 18) □ Sending inappropriate and offensive messages to others

As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor what your children are accessing online. This is especially true with social media and games as many are age restricted and primary school pupils should not be accessing them.

Please encourage your child to talk about their online experiences with you and encourage them to tell someone if they see / hear anything online that they do not like. We can support them and you with this. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](https://www.childnet.co.uk)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](https://www.netaware.co.uk)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](https://www.common.sense.media.org)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org) / Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](https://www.ceop.gov.uk)

If you need any support or advice, on this or any other safety matter, please speak to me or a member of my team. We also have advice and guidance on our website.

Kind regards,
Mrs M Garlick
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