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Dear Parents

Children's Safety

Online Safety

As the half term break approaches I would like to remind parents of some of the current dangers of children when they are playing online games. Roblox is a particular favourite with many children at the moment, and parents may be unaware that anyone can upload content to Roblox. It has become apparent through discussions with children that some of them have seen violent and even sexual content on Roblox. Parents can adjust permissions through settings in Roblox. Please be aware that it is parents' responsibility to monitor what children view online at home, and that it can be harmful to children if they view inappropriate content. Other new apps can also have potential dangers.

If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/ There are links for children of all ages.

Helpful advice is also available from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> which is a constantly updated resource.

Safety at the End of the School Day

We periodically review our procedures and we are making some changes to what happens at the end of the school day to ensure children are always safe.

- 1. Children going to Koosa Club after school will be sent to the hall before the classroom door is opened to dismiss other children.** *We have had an increase in parents booking Koosa then turning up to collect their children from school without letting anyone know, which causes confusion. If you change collection arrangements and don't need to use Koosa, please inform both Koosa and the school otherwise you will need to collect your child from the Koosa door, not the classroom.*
- 2. Please come right up to the classroom door to collect your child from the teacher.** *We appreciate that the playground is very crowded, particularly near classroom doors, but please watch the door and when your child is there, come and collect him or her from the teacher, rather than standing back in the playground and waving.*

3. **Please make sure the school office are aware of any alternative collection arrangements for your child.** *We have recently had instances of a parent telephoning another parent giving her permission to collect, and the teacher having the phone given to her whilst she is trying to hand over other children. Our teachers are great, but they can't have a telephone conversation with a parent whilst speaking to a child or another parent!*

We are sure that you will appreciate that children's safety is the priority for the school and we know that you want to keep them safe at home too.

A reminder that **Wednesday 6th March** is an INSET day both here and at the Junior school, so school is closed to children but open for staff training.

We look forward to seeing you all after the break on **Monday 25th February.** Have a wonderful half term break, hopefully with some sunshine!

Thank you for your continued support and for letting us teach your wonderful children.

Best Wishes

Liz Mathias
Headteacher