



Online Safety Update – January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the festive break! For January's Online Safety update, our focus will be on 'Tech toys'.

Tech toys are toys that use the internet or technology including Artificial Intelligence to make the toy more interactive or tailored to the child.

There are some amazing Tech Toys (aka Smart Toys) out there and many families of children with SEND buy them as gifts as they can greatly enhance their child's life.

Examples include Siri enabled night lights and even internet enabled teddy bears.

Why not click on the article below to learn more about how to be safe if you've bought or received these as Christmas gifts:

[Tech Toys Safety Guide - Are Smart Toys Safe for Kids? | VerizonSpecials.com](https://www.verizon.com/specials/tech-toys-safety-guide-are-smart-toys-safe-for-kids/)

One thing to keep in mind is to ensure that your 'tech toys' are not sharing your location online, as you may not wish for this information to be broadcast.

Please do contact school if you need more support with this. Indeed, if you have any concerns about your child's Online Safety (or any other safeguarding matter), please do not hesitate to contact the pastoral team on 0121 569 7080.