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Dear parents/carers,

## **COVID-19: Keeping Safe Online**

In the current environment, many of us are using different ways to try and keep in touch with our friends and family and access home learning opportunities. We recognise that during this period parents/carers may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This letter therefore outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice.

Firstly, remote learning can be a great way to continue learning outside the classroom, particularly in difficult circumstances. However, the idea of remote learning isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors that need to be considered. In order to provide parents and carers with some guidance, I have attached a document with this email, providing you with some further information and top tips in relation to learning at home.

In addition to this, it is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online. These resources linked below therefore provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- **National Online Safety** – for comprehensive support for parents and responsible adults: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>
- **Internet matters** - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online: <https://www.internetmatters.org/about-us/>
- **Child net** - has developed guidance for parents and carers to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as guidance on keeping under-fives safe online: <https://www.childnet.com>
- **Net-aware** - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/>
- **Parent Info** - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations: <https://parentinfo.org/page/about-us>
- **Thinkuknow** - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre** - advice for parents and carers - you can also report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/our-helplines>

If you wish to access any further information, please visit the Department for Education's guidance, via: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers](#).

As you already know, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online and have previously and will continue to work with National Online Safety to deliver an interactive online workshop for all our parents and carers. The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:

- Information about online dangers and the newest platforms
- What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child

Please follow this [link](#), where you need to visit to register your account (if you have not already done so). You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers" course and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes 50+ online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents and carers with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

If you have any questions, or trouble accessing National Online Safety please contact - [support@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:support@nationalonlinesafety.com), for any other concerns regarding online safety please contact the senior leadership via [www.st-josephs-nympsfield.org](http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.org).

Kind regards,

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