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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that you are aware that today is National e-Safety Day. We must, however, work together to try to keep our children safe on line every day.

We would encourage you to visit the "Quick Links" section of the school website and then drop down to the "e-Safety" line. This link provides some information for parents and carers and, in particular, it offers a link to www.thinkuknow.co.uk website which provides a comprehensive guide to internet safety for children and parents and we would recommend this site to you.

This part of the school website also directs you to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) where there is a facility to report digital crime.

E-Safety is a vital and daily part of the curriculum for all children and aims to "teach them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking skills to enable them to remain both safe and legal when using the internet".

Mrs Burrows, our Computing Co-ordinator, will be leading an e-Safety assembly this afternoon (February 9th) but, as usual, our everyday work throughout the school will address e-Safety issues in an "age appropriate" way.

There is a great deal of advice available throughout the media, especially today. It may be helpful, however, to focus upon a few points.....

- The internet and other related technologies can be a wonderful learning tool but there are also clearly risks and dangers
- Young people should not be exposed to most social media sites including Facebook before the age of 13
- Many young people may be "more adept" around new technologies than their parents
- Parents should monitor closely their child's use of the internet in all formats
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk is seen as an excellent resource for parents, carers, schools and pupils

Mrs Burrows will again be offering e-safety workshops for parents after half term (details to follow).

The school works very closely with local Safeguarding Boards and the Police and our oldest children will today receive a "recommended" letter regarding "sexting" and a new partnership website www.knowaboutcse.co.uk/parents .

Yours sincerely

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