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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the last 14 weeks we are aware that the majority of our pupils' internet usage has increased, therefore we feel it is of paramount importance that we support and reinforce to our pupils the importance of keeping themselves safe online. Online Safety covers all forms of technology such as; mobile phones, laptops and any form of gaming equipment where you are able to connect to the internet.

We have sent out resources to all pupils with 10 key rules of how to keep themselves safe online, which include:

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you have put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it is not just yours anymore.
- 3) If you share an image of yourself or someone else which is of a sexual nature or contains nudity the police may end up getting involved – both sending and receiving these types of images is illegal.
- 4) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 5) Never give out your passwords
- 6) Don't befriend people you do not know
- 7) Don't meet up with people you have met online. Speak to your parent or carer if people you do not know ask you to meet up or if you know a friend is planning to meet up with someone they have met online.
- 8) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 9) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 10) Respect other people's views, even if you do not agree with someone else's views, it does not mean you need to be rude.

One website which we have been made aware of this week is Omegle – www.omegle.com. On this website young people can speak to strangers via an online video call, there are no age restrictions required to set up an account, so we have serious concerns about some of our young people video calling strangers/adults without fully understanding how they are putting themselves at risk.

I have attached some key resources published on the National Online Safety Website which aim to support parents and carers in ensuring all young people are keeping themselves safe online. The resources are; National Online Safety – Conversation Starters for Parents and Carers and National Online Safety – Online Grooming.

If you would like further information on online safety or how to report an online safety issue, then please contact the Safeguarding Team or visit the following websites:

- www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-11-19s
- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Hankers
Safeguarding Manager

Attachment - one attachment for your information and another attachment to be sent by separate email due to large size.