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Dear Parent/Carer

Online Safety

As you will be aware most young people access the Internet in some way, many using mobile phones and gaming sites.

Games and chatroom type sites have recommended ages for use; this is to protect young people from inappropriate content. It also helps you safeguard your son/daughter against inappropriate contact from people you do not know.

I would like to draw your attention to <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>, a site that you might find useful when negotiating this tricky world with your son/daughter. The site will enable you to click on the game/social media icon and see the age it is appropriate for and the risk that young person using it might experience. Content/comments relating to sex, bullying, violence, hatred, suicide, self-harm, drink drugs and alcohol. The opinions on this site are based on the experience of young people and their parents and are rated low risk, medium risk and high risk. For example Minecraft has an age of 7+ and there is a medium risk that your son/daughter might experience bullying and content pertaining to violence, hatred, suicide, self-harm, drink drugs and alcohol when using this site.

For practical advice on privacy settings and parental controls call the NSPCC online safety Advice Line on **0808 800 5002**. Anyone who's worried about online grooming or sexual behaviour online can contact www.ceop.police.uk. If you discover any criminal content when you're online you can report it to the Internet Watch Foundation <https://report.iwf.org.uk/en>

Please do not hesitate to call the school for further advice, ask for a member of our safeguarding team and we will do our very best to advise you.

Yours sincerely

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