Dear Parents/Carers,

As your child is spending an increased amount of time completing their online learning activities, we thought it would be appropriate to remind you all how important it is to keep your children safe on the internet. Here are some reminders:

1. Remember to never give out any personal information (full name, address, phone numbers or school name)
2. The children should only be using the internet when an adult is nearby.
3. Children should be telling an adult immediately if they come across anything that makes them feel upset or uncomfortable.
4. They should never send a picture of themselves to a person they have never met or do not know.
5. Children should never arrange to meet with someone they met over the internet, even if they feel they have gotten to know them really well and they seem really nice.
6. Remember to never give out passwords to anyone (even their best friends) but children should share all of their passwords with their parents.
7. Children should not complete any online forms unless they have an adult with them.
8. Be careful when downloading things as some things can damage your computer.

We realise that, as there is a lot more work happening online, children may be searching the internet more than usual. Please contact your internet provider and ask them if there are any filters you could use to ensure that your child is safe. We have found another way to filter out anything upsetting when searching on Google. We would really like to advise you/remind you on how to search safely on Google, which will keep children safe from any explicit results.

Google have an option to 'SafeSearch' the internet. Please read the information below and ensure you put these filters on should your child/ children need to use Google. The first set of information is for a computer/laptop, then any Android advice and finally for any Apple device.

Turn SafeSearch on or off

1. Go to Search Settings ☑ .
2. Under "SafeSearch filters," check or uncheck the box next to "Turn on SafeSearch."
3. At the bottom of the page, select **Save**.

Turn SafeSearch on or off

Google app   ^

1. Open the Google app **G**.
2. At the bottom right, tap More ••• > **Settings** > **General**.
3. Next to "SafeSearch," turn the switch on or off.

Phone browser   ^

1. Go to Search Settings ☑ .
2. Find the "SafeSearch filters" section.
   • To turn on SafeSearch, tap **Filter explicit results**.
   • To turn off SafeSearch, tap **Show most relevant results**.
3. At the bottom of the screen, tap **Save**.

Tablet browser   ^

1. Go to Search Settings ☑ .
2. Find the "SafeSearch filters" section.
   • To turn on SafeSearch, check the box next to "Filter explicit results."
   • To turn off SafeSearch, uncheck the box next to "Filter explicit results."
3. At the bottom of the screen, tap **Save**.

Android TV   ^

1. From the Android TV home screen, scroll down and select **Settings**.
2. Under Preferences, select **Search > SafeSearch filter**.
3. Select **On** or **Off**.

Android   Computer   iPhone & iPad

Turn SafeSearch on or off

Google app   ⌃

1. Open the Google app G.
2. At the top right, tap your **Profile picture or initial** › Settings ⚙ › **General** › **Search settings**.
3. Find the "SafeSearch filters" section.
   - To turn on SafeSearch, tap **Hide explicit results**.
   - To turn off SafeSearch, tap **Show explicit results**.

Phone browser   ⌃

1. Go to Search Settings.
2. Find the "SafeSearch filters" section.
   - To turn on SafeSearch, tap **Filter explicit results**.
   - To turn off SafeSearch, tap **Show most relevant results**.
3. At the bottom of the screen, tap **Save**.

Tablet browser   ⌃

1. Go to Search Settings.
2. Find the "SafeSearch filters" section.
   - To turn on SafeSearch, check the box next to "Filter explicit results."
   - To turn off SafeSearch, uncheck the box next to "Filter explicit results."
3. At the bottom of the screen, tap **Save**.

We hope that this information has been useful and reminded you on how to keep the children safe whilst working on the internet at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

Kind Regards,

Miss Seabrook