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**Learning Together for Life**

Tuesday 9th November 2021

<u>**Online Safety**</u>

Dear Parents/Carers

Recently, a variety of different situations regarding the use of home technology and accessing various sites have been brought to our attention in school.

We have been dealing with incidents in the playground where children have been replicating scenarios from television and streamed programmes they are watching and we have spoken to various parents about this.
Many of the programmes have a fifteen certificate and this is for a reason. The content is not appropriate for primary school age children to be watching.
Can you ensure that anything your child has access to is appropriate and you have viewed first to ensure the content is relevant for your child to watch.

Please can we also ask you to ensure you have parental controls in place for any devices your child uses at home, including mobile phones.
There are apps you can use to set up your child's phone through your own so you are able to read messages and view the content that your child has been looking at.
If this is something you are unsure about, please ask and we will be happy to help.

Your child will bring home a booklet this evening which is produced by Vodafone focusing on staying safe online. Please spend some time with your child to look through the booklet together.

It is imperative that we continue to work together to safeguard our children in the developing world of technology and the ever changing access to new apps, programmes and websites.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of keeping your child safe online or with technology, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Allerston

Acting Executive Head Teacher

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