

Dear Parents/Carers

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During school closures due to the Covid-19 outbreak, more children and young people are spending extended periods of time online and using devices.

It is vital that children and young people are kept safe when online at all times. Please take time to sit with your child and monitor their online activity closely.

Many children will be using gaming consoles and live video apps such as House Party, Zoom and Instagram live to communicate with their friends.

Whilst it is important for children and young people to interact with their friends during this difficult time, you must ensure that your child is;

- **Not** communicating with people they do not know.
- **Not** sharing their location as this can put them into immediate danger.
- **Not** sharing personal information.
- **Not** being exposed to any harmful material.

The following link has useful advice to help keep children and young people safe when using online video apps: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/>

Please ensure that safety settings and passwords on mobile devices, apps, PC's, laptops, tablets and consoles are turned on at all times. Internet Matters website has many resources to support you with this: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

More information about online safety during the school closures can be found at:

<https://coronavirus.lgfl.net/safeguarding>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/keeping-children-happy-and-safe-online-during-covid-19>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Kind Regards,

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