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Online Safety Newsletter – February 2020

Acceptable User Policies

Thank you to those of you who have already read, signed and returned your AUP. It is really important that we start to introduce online safety from a young age as the resilience children have to protect themselves from incidents is vital. If you do have any feedback regarding the AUP for your child's year group please let me know.

Parent Guides

National Online Safety have released a series of help guides for parents to look at in relation to various apps, websites and digital related issues. I highly recommend you follow them on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest trends and incidents in the online world. I have started to add some of the guides to the Online Safety area of our website, but if there a specific area you would like help with please let me know.

Guides include:

Facebook, Minecraft, Roblox, TikTok, Fifa, Screen Time etc.

Gacha Life

It has been brought to our attention that the popular app 'Gacha Life' has the potential to contain some **very** inappropriate content. The app links to YouTube videos where users can upload any of their own content, much of which is not monitored and therefore can contain content which is not appropriate for children. If your children are using this app I would suggest that you are extra vigilant in their use of it.

Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine

Your child will soon be bringing home the latest edition of the very useful Vodafone Digital Parenting magazine. There are some excellent

articles in this edition, and many guides which may prove very useful at home.

I would like to highlight the following sections as particularly useful to read;

Pages 6-9, Parent's Top Concerns

Page 15 – Security Checklist (tools for parents to use)

Page 22-23 – What To Do If...

A digital version of the magazine will also be available on our website.

Screen Time

Did you know that there are apps out there which could help you manage your child's screen time? Google for Families (for Android devices) and iOS Screen Time are both excellent apps which can help you to manage all sorts of aspects of your child's digital device.

There are lots of YouTube videos and how-to guides out there for these apps, but if you do find that you need any support please just ask. I may not know the answer but I may know how to find out!

Safer Internet Day 2020

Safer Internet Day this year is on Tuesday 11th February. In school we will be asking to children to give THEIR #toptip for anything to do with Online Safety. It may range from younger children asking for help, to an older child saying that you shouldn't believe everything you read on the internet. What would your #toptip be for Online Safety? We will publish some of the top tips in Term 4.

As always, if you have any concerns around Online Safety (relating to your child or another child in school) please chat to me or another Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Amos, Mrs Smith, Mrs McCollum).

Many Thanks, Mrs Lovely



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