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Dear Parents

Over the past half term, the school council was tasked with undertaking an online safety survey with the Junior children in school. This has been done and a summary completed.

The summary covers all aspects of internet use and highlights clearly what the children are doing when online and their current understanding of how to keep safe. This information is very useful and will form the basis of the work we will focus on in school. However, it has also highlighted some key areas to focus on at home. Below are the main headlines gathered from the results.

- Every single person has the internet at home
- Nearly every single person goes online at home every day. Some spend 1 hour online and some spend 3 hours.
- Nearly all of the children use a phone or a tablet or a games console (not a laptop or desktop computer)
- The main online activities by far are chatting and playing games.
- All of the children said that they only play games with friends they already know and have the same friends online as offline – this is an important area to monitor
- A lot of children are using one social media sites: You Tube, WhatsApp, Tik Tok, SnapChat.
- The vast majority of the children said that they rarely or never have any conversations about staying safe online at home.
- The vast majority of children said they didn't know if there were any privacy settings on their devices.
- Some children said they have seen something online that has made them feel uncomfortable.
- Most of them knew what to do if they did see something that made them feel uncomfortable.

It is really important to acknowledge that technology is normal and an everyday part on our children's lives and balancing the time they spend online and ensuring we are teaching them how to stay safe is vital. Part of this approach means being up to date and aware of how we can support and guide children through the complex and ever-changing online world; We acknowledge how hard this is.

We want our children to become resilient, responsible and considerate internet users as they grow up and know how to keep themselves safe.
In January we will be holding a live online safety webinar for parents, staff and governors that will be run by Skips SafetyNet:
https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/ .

The responses from our quick survey suggest that a session after 5:30 pm would work best for the majority of parents.

The webinar will be on: January 11th at 5:30 pm and will last approximately 60 minutes.

At the start of next term, we will send out an invite and you will be able to register for the event.
I really urge you all to register and attend – it's a great opportunity to get an up to date view of online safety and get some support to navigate this complex area.

Yours sincerely

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