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Dear Parents,

The benefits of being able to connect with each other via the internet and using the latest technology are enormous. However, with this comes a risk that exposure to cyberbullying, disinformation and grooming is greater with children using the internet unsupervised. There remains a particular concern in relation to chatrooms which encourage children and young people to join together to engage in potentially dangerous behaviours.

The national guidance recommends reviewing security and safety settings and managing the amount of time spent online. It is important that you continue to monitor your child's use of technology.

Guidance on conversations you can have with your child about technology can be found at: [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#). [Online safety guidance](#) advice and resources are also available from Hampshire County Council for parents as well as children and young people. Other helpful sources of advice are [Parentzone](#), the [NSPCC](#) and the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#). Today we are sending home the Digital Parenting magazine with further advice. Please do take some time to read it and consider what safety measures you have in place at home in relation to technology.

Yours sincerely,

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