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Dear Parents and Carers

The new Computing Curriculum, which was introduced into schools this September, highlights using technology safely and respectfully. It includes keeping personal information private and identifies where children can go for help and support, when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

I strongly believe that internet safety education is necessary and I decided to commence our weekly ICT sessions by celebrating the many positive aspects of using technology and the internet while, at the same time, raising awareness of the issues that children face online today. In small groups we discussed the following:

- what is meant by 'to keep personal information private';
- the importance of good etiquette when using computers to communicate with people;
- where to go for help if somebody upsets or scares them or they are worried about content or contact on the internet.

We also looked at websites which provide age-appropriate information and fantastic activities regarding online safety. Children were introduced to cartoon characters which played out a variety of experiences relating to the use of technology.

As the websites provide such a wealth of resources and activities, which we did not have time to explore, including colouring pages, puzzles and cartoons, I would like to ask you to encourage children to go back and explore the website in more detail.

The websites provide trustworthy information not only for children and young people but are also a great source of information for us adults, who might sometimes find it challenging to keep up-to-date with the speed of changes taking place in the online world, to which our children have very easy access.

Here you find some excellent information, guidance and activities relating the safe use of digital technology:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe) (KS2)

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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