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Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Staying Safe online during the Easer Holidays

At Woolgrove school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously, including their safety while they access the internet. During lockdown many of our pupils spent a large amount of time online accessing content including game, social media and educational content.

Many of our pupils access online at home via computers, tablets and games consoles and, whilst there are many positives to doing this, there are also a number of potential safety concerns.

With the Easter break coming up, I thought I would share with you some resources and tips to help you keep your child safe online.

1.	<p>Our School Website:</p> <p>Our e-safety page contains lots of useful information, support links and factsheets https://woolgrove.herts.sch.uk/about-us/e-safety/</p>
2.	<p><u>Four Steps to Being Safe online:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online and monitor their usage.2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services, eg privacy settings.3. Use parental controls on your home internet to restrict access to inappropriate websites and limit screen time.4. Understand how to use the parent control tools on devices such as games consoles, computers, tablets and phones.
3.	<p><u>Three things to think about if your child is online:</u></p> <p>WHO your child is talking to, WHAT they're doing, and WHERE they're going online</p>
4.	<p><u>Check the suitability of games your children are accessing</u></p> <p>Fortnite (PEGI 12+)</p>

	<p>Please consider the age appropriateness of games such as Fortnite, Roblox, Among us etc.</p> <p>Due to their learning needs, many of our pupils do not understand the difference between simulated (in game) violence/action and real life and we often see pupils re- enacting scenes from games on the playground.</p> <p><u>Watching clips of games on you tube:</u></p> <p>Whilst they might not be playing the game, lot's of our pupils watch clips taken from games on you tube and potentially watching inappropriate content.</p>
5.	<p><u>Useful Websites</u></p> <p><u>Net Aware:</u></p>  <p>Net Aware brings together the NSPCC's expertise in protecting children and O2's tech know-how, a great resource for information and guides to help you keep your children safe https://www.net-aware.org.uk/</p>
6.	<p><u>Need support with setting parent controls?</u></p> <p>We are here to help! Setting parent controls, passwords and screen time limits can be challenging! Please contact us if you would like to help or support in setting these up at home.</p>

Your help and support in keeping our pupils safe online is very much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like further advice about online safety. I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter!

Kind Regards,



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