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Dear Parents and Carers,

Online safety at Light Years School

I am writing to you due to being made aware of a number of students accessing age inappropriate content both online and through gaming. The internet can have numerous benefits and is a great place for children to learn and explore if used correctly, safely, and at the right age.

The online world is an essential part of our daily lives, and learning how to use technology safely is an essential skill for young people. Websites and apps such as TikTok, for example, are extremely popular but pose risks and it is important that schools, parents, and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our students and your role as a parent or carer can make a significant difference.

As we continue to educate our students about the importance of being safe online, we would encourage you to speak to your child about the correct use of websites, search facilities and gaming and help us ensure they are making the right choices while online. We have attached an online safety newsletter that shares information about age ratings, online chat facilities and some other useful information.

We would also encourage you to take a moment to read through the attached guides that share information about parental controls, Roblox, Fortnite Instagram and Whatsapp.

The National Online Safety regularly updates their guides to assist parents with staying informed. You can view their catalogue of guides at www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides Alternatively, Internet Matters provides additional advice and support resources at www.internetmatters.org/resources

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have concerns regarding your child's online safety and require assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

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