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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: E Safety Week

Last week all the children at Fairlands took part in e-safety week. All the children were involved in learning about how to stay safe when using different technologies such as computers, mobile phones and live gaming technology. As part of this parents also received some training from our local Police Community Support Officer on how to keep their children safe when they are online. I understand that many parents couldn't make the session and so therefore I am sending information out to all parents and carers to ensure you can help to keep your child safe when they are online. Below is a list of websites that you may find useful:

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk
www.childnet-int.org
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe>

All of these websites have informative areas for parents and fun films, cartoons and activities to complete with children of all ages. This will ensure that you can work with your child to reinforce the information they have been given in school about staying safe.

There are a few basic tips to keep your child (and your computer safe):

- Encourage your child to only speak to people they know online.
- Ensure that your child understands what personal information is (their name, address etc) and ensure that they never give this information out online.
- Monitor your children when they are online. If they use social networking sites (i.e. Facebook) then ensure that they know everyone on their friends list personally and that their privacy settings are set up appropriately (please note some social networking sites such as Facebook do have a minimum age requirement if 13).
- Keep your web cam somewhere separate to your computer (if possible). Your child will then have to ask you before they use it and you will know who they are talking to.
- If possible keep computers and online gaming consoles in a family room. It will be much easier to monitor the sites your child uses this way.

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