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E-Safety Update October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to those parents that came to the recent E-safety workshop, it was lovely to see you there. The presentation from the meeting will be on the school website soon.

Filtering

It was mentioned at the meeting about the need to be in 'control' of the internet, so attached to this email I have included some information from National Online Safety. The leaflet, called A Parent's Guide to Internet Controls, should help you identify the types of settings that would be useful in your family and across the platforms and devices that you use. Further information about specific ISPs can be found at www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider

BBC Own It App

I also wanted to let you know about a new app from the BBC. The Own it app is part of the BBC's commitment to supporting young people in today's changing digital environment. It will provide a helping hand to your child when they receive their first smartphone, supporting their digital wellbeing, showing them how to make smarter and better informed choices.

The custom keyboard which your child installs at the same time they install the app is analysed by machine learning in real time and the Own It app uses it to build up a picture of your child's activity. Based on this, the app will recommend content to the child that might be helpful, or it might intervene as the child is typing something to check that they are happy to share the information with others.

Further information can be found at: www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app

If you have any concerns regarding internet safety please don't hesitate to contact me, alternatively there is lots of advice available on www.parentinfo.org.

Yours sincerely,

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