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Dear Parents / Carers

We would like to remind parents and carers about safety online. Recently, there has been concern raised with the online gaming platform / app "Roblox". This software potentially allows children to access inappropriate content for their primary age group. Many of the games available on "Roblox" are suitable for your child, however when age restrictions are not set, games involving violence and of an adult nature are accessible to all users. Within the platform / app there is a 'chat' feature which could potentially put your child at risk of being contacted by strangers.

As a school we have a duty of care and work closely with Hampshire Schools' IT Services to ensure that our pupils are safe as is possible when using computers and devices in school. Through this service we have been able to use our school filters to ensure that this inappropriate content is blocked.

We would like to advise you as parents and carers to ensure your child's safety when using online games, apps and social media at home. It could be that your child is accessing "Roblox" without your permission, or knowledge and it is vital that filters are put in place at home to prevent your child from coming into contact with inappropriate content.

Below are some useful websites to support you in keeping your children safe online:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/online-safety>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/?gclid=CJz50tnxwdMCFcOVGwodnkgB9w>

If you would like further information or technical support in checking the internet filters on your devices at home, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Many thanks,

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