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Dear Parents / Carers

## Keeping Safe Online

Over this last term it has been brought to our attention that some of the additional chat features the games that our children are playing on at home are causing issues. Many of the games have the feature to be able to talk/text other players, some who they may know and potentially some who they don't know and have linked up with through gaming.

For example, the communication feature on Fortnite and Roblox are causing some concerns between pupils at school therefore we would please request that parents check who your children are talking to and what is being said. There have been times when unkind things have been said.

There are many excellent resources available to families to support keeping children safe online, please see the links below:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



[Parents & carers | Childnet](#)



We always use 'SMART' at school when teaching children about staying safe online, please see the reverse of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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# Be smart on the internet

Childnet  
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[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

S

**SAFE**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M

**MEETING**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

**ACCEPTING**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

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**RELIABLE**

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

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**TELL**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

KidSMART

Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

