

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak impacting everyone's daily lives, routines have changed and many of us are now working and studying from home. We are aware that this can be a stressful and challenging time for families and understand that there may be more concerns from parents about the safety of their children online.

The Department for Education has published some useful advice aimed specifically at parents to support them at this difficult time. The advice focuses on the importance of communicating with children and maintaining their wellbeing and online safety. A link to the parent specific advice can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online#parents>

Alongside the guidance for parents is some more general advice for online safety, at a time when many of us are using our devices more than ever. It provides information on staying safe and secure online, together with tips for spotting fake news and the importance of taking a break. This more general advice can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online#stay-connected>

It is now more important than ever, for us and our children to stay both connected and safe online. Please remember to make use of parental controls and to talk to your children.

Please stay safe at this unprecedented time.

Kind regards

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