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Dear parents/carers,

We have been very pleased to provide your child with a school laptop to support them with remote learning. We hope that they are enjoying using it to complete their lessons and connect with classmates and school staff.

As you are aware, the internet can be brilliant to help children with their learning and presents us with many opportunities that we would not otherwise have. However, we also know that there are some risks when children are online and it is important that children and adults are both aware of these risks to keep them safe.

As part of our safeguarding responsibility for children who are using school devices to access remote learning, a programme called Senso has been installed on all devices. This allows for remote monitoring of online activity, to make sure that the content that children access on their school laptop is safe. Senso recognises a list of high risk and unsafe words and phrases, and it captures the date, time and a screen shot of what is happening on the device at the time when a word from the alert list has been identified.

Leaders in our school who are responsible for safeguarding children will receive reports from the Senso system with details about any alerts that have been logged for our school devices. This is so that we can respond and put in place any additional support or actions to help children to stay safe.

We will also respond to any alerts that indicate misuse of the device, i.e. not a remote learning activity assigned by the school, and continued misuse of the device may lead to it being returned to the school.

In addition, access to the internet will be remotely disabled on our school devices from 9pm every evening. It will be turned on at 7am. This decision has been taken to promote the health and wellbeing of our pupils, and to support them and you in managing screen time.

Please take this opportunity to discuss the content of this letter with your child so that they are aware of our expectations about how to safely use their school device. Enclosed below are links to sites with useful parent resources to support with online safety.

O2 and NSPCC Net Aware video – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pukAjCHIZ0&feature=youtu.be>

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

Yours sincerely,

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