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Dear Parents,

RE: Online safety

At Frieth, we take e-safety very seriously and aim to ensure our pupils know how to enjoy and learn from the latest technologies and internet games safely. This is particularly important in the changing world of gaming, where pupils often play collaboratively and link up to chat rooms and group activities on games such as 'Minecraft' and 'Fortnite' or by using APPS such as 'Discord'. Unfortunately parents will also be aware that these sites and collaborative worlds can expose children to online bullying and grooming, even when safeguards have been put into place. We recommend that any children who have access to these sites and games should always be supervised by an adult.

As part of our commitment to e-safety, our pupils have e-safety lessons as a regular part of the computing curriculum, using the materials available from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre). There is information and a link to CEOP resources for children on the pupil pages of the school website.

http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/e-safety_-_keeping_safe_online/187973

In order to also support parents and provide further information, we have PDF documents on cyber-bullying, online grooming, inappropriate websites and a Parents & Carers Checklist for keeping children safe online available on the parent e-safety pages of the website. http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/e-safety/186466

We have also attached a parent information document from the local authority which provides additional links for support and information as well as our e-safety and appropriate use policy. There is further information available on limiting screen time and links to useful websites which provide comparisons for different screen limiting apps for parents.

We hope you find this information useful but if you would like to talk to a member of staff about any e-safety issues, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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