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Dear Parent/ Carer

As a result of our current closure and periods of self-isolation, your child's screen time is likely to rise significantly. Whatever device they are using they need to remain healthy and safe at all times.

In what can be a technological minefield for parents and carers it is important you understand, and help manage, the risks.

Within the 'Student Services – E-Safety' section of the schools website we have added the following link to a practical guide for parents and carers to help them keep their child safe online:

<https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/factsheets-and-briefings/your-childs-screen-time-parent-factsheet/>

It has generic advice as well as specific guidance on how to manage parental settings on different devices. Key to it all is setting clear boundaries and speaking openly with your child about the risks. Within the document are many other links to websites offering guidance.

As a result of enforced closure schools are having to adopt online methods to deliver learning and we understand this adds to screen time. Try and create a routine and encourage time away from devices to do other activities.

If you have any concerns about your child's safety online or have identified a specific risk, please contact the school and a member of the student services team will make contact with you at the earliest opportunity. Ultimately you may decide to report incidents of online bullying, abuse or grooming directly to the police.

Yours faithfully

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