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Dear Parents and Carers

At Colindale we take the safety of our pupils very seriously and this includes their online safety. We know that you too want to keep your children safe when they are online at home, and so below are some tips and useful websites to help you do so.

**There are three important areas to think about when your children are online:**

**WHO** your child is talking to  
**WHAT** your child is doing  
**WHERE** your child is going

#### Useful websites

- **Think u know**- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary> - is always a good place to start, with ideas and support for parents on how to keep children safe online.
- Another site that is helpful for parents is **UK Safer Internet Centre** - <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>.

#### **This site advises you to take four steps:**

1. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online
  2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services, e.g. Facebook privacy settings
  3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet
  4. Understand the devices that children use and the parental control tools they offer. Information on this is available on this website: *Parents Guide to Technology*
- **Digital Parenting** is another useful website to look at – <https://parentzone.org.uk/projects/digital-parenting-magazine>

If you would like further advice about online safety, or are concerned about your child's online activity, please speak to your child's class teacher or ask for an appointment with Mr. Dabasia (ICT/ Network Manager)

Yours sincerely,

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