Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Online Safety

Over the past year the internet has become more important than ever and Camp School recognises that internet, mobile and digital technologies provide a good opportunity for children and young people to learn, socialise and play, provided they are safe. We are very aware that young people's future economic success may be partly dependent on their online skills and reputation and we are committed to ensuring that all pupils will be able to use these technologies safely. This is part of our safeguarding responsibility.

At Camp School, online safety remains a high priority; all classes learn about practical ways to remain safe online through lessons within Computing, as well as considering the moral, social and emotional implications of online activities during PSHE lessons. We have recently reviewed the 'Online Safety Policy', which can be found on the school website. This policy includes an 'acceptable use agreement' (Appendix D) for all pupils. This is a set of online safety rules, which pupils must agree to adhere to. Children will have the opportunity to read and discuss this document in school, with pupils signing a class copy to be displayed in the computer area of each classroom. We are asking that you have a conversation with your child/children about this agreement at home.

Along with school staff, parents and carers have a key role in supporting children to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online. Another important part of the policy is Appendix E – Summary of key parent/carer responsibilities.

Both of these documents are also included as part of the online safety form (link below). We ask that all parents/carers access the information and then complete the form, using the link below, by Monday 10th May.

[Online safety form](#)

Attached to this letter is a copy of the latest Online Safety Newsletter from Herts for Learning. This includes advice for parents, helpful resources and web links which can be used to support your child in being safe online. We will post this and other useful resources on our website as they become available.

We are planning to deliver a parent/carer workshop during the summer term, with a focus on online safety. This session will provide an opportunity to share helpful resources and enable parents to ask questions. We will provide further details of this session and the format it will take as soon as possible.

Finally, if you have any concerns or worries about your child and online safety please speak initially to their class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

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