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Dear Parents/Carers

Today is 'Safer Internet Day' across the world and here at St Wilfrid's we have taken part in the event with activities for each year group from Nursery to Year 6. The theme for 2018 is **"Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"**. You can read more about Safer Internet Day by visiting www.saferinternetday.org

As part of Safer Internet Day we would like to pass on to you some advice from our local police regarding staying safe online:

"We would like to remind you that with a lot of the new games systems and gadgets, the children can access the World Wide Web without being on a computer. If you have a wireless network set up at home, you can connect Ipads, phones, tablets, PS4s, Wii's, Xbox's very easily and while it does have benefits - chatting and playing on-line games with a wide circle of friends, it can also have a darker side. We are all worried about strangers contacting our children and with the right guidance and proper supervision of their activities this risk is very much minimized.

There is another risk - Cyber Bullying. Children can be very easily drawn into name calling, falling out with friends and in some cases physical bullying as a result of things that happen on-line. Throughout the Wigan area, the police have dealt with minor arguments over comments said on facebook, Instagram, instant messaging and even dealt with physical assaults as a result of someone beating another in an on-line game. Incidents like this happen on a regular basis. The problem is, that sat behind a console or computer screen, children feel as though they can say what they think without any consequences. Sometimes this is then brought into school and incidents occur that staff are required to deal with. As with the stranger danger risk, we need to make sure that our children fully understand what they should and shouldn't be doing whilst on-line. St Wilfrid's do their best to set good guidelines but do you know what your child is doing on-line? All we are asking is that you are aware of what's going on and that children are supervised accordingly."

Accompanying this letter is a draft family agreement produced by Childs Net, which we hope you would like to complete with other members of your family.

In order to help you keep informed and up to date, we also enclose a copy of the latest edition of the Digital Parenting magazine and an information booklet. The Digital Parenting magazine is for parents and provides information to help ensure children stay safe, and are not made to feel uncomfortable online. Previous copies of the magazine are available to download from:

www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html

We hope you find information in the publications which is of use to you as we work together to teach our children how to keep themselves safe online.

Yours sincerely,

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