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ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

At Longman's Hill, we take the safety of our pupils extremely seriously, and this includes keeping children safe when online. We do lots of work with the children in school, but the world of technology is an ever-changing one! Sometimes, it is incredibly difficult for parents to keep abreast of all these changes and to really fully understand the risks involved to our children.

We have therefore made the decision to pay for some expert advice, which will be shared with you in the form of a monthly newsletter. The newsletter will be added to our school website and we will text you the link each month. **The newsletters will be posted to our safeguarding page (under the statutory info tab) under the heading 'Knowsley Learning Services Online Safety Newsletters'.** We strongly suggest you take some time to read it, as it will contain all the very latest advice from 'people in the know'.

There will also be the opportunity to join a free termly online session, designed specifically for parents, jam-packed with top tips to protect your children in the digital world. The sessions last
30 minutes followed by 15 min Q&A if required. These sessions are designed to support you in protecting your children and to help you understand the risks associated with using technology.

The session will cover –
• Current trends – what children are doing online, what apps/ games are popular amongst children.
• Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.
• What can you do – some suggestions for how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.
• Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you if you need it.

We will send out the joining instructions nearer to the time. You may only need to attend one per year, as the sessions always follow the same format but with the latest updates. The next online session is coming up very soon:

Spring: Wednesday 29th January 2025 – 9.30am – 10.15am
Summer: Wednesday 7th May 2025 – 4pm – 4.45pm

You DO NOT need to pre-register for these valuable sessions and there will be a recording shared afterwards, for those who cannot attend at the time.

We hope that you find the newsletters and online sessions useful.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Elcock
Headteacher