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Dear Parents and Carers

With the Christmas holidays approaching and the prospect of children perhaps receiving digital media as a gift in some shape or form – tablets and gaming consoles, for example – we thought it would be an appropriate time to remind you about the responsible use of such devices.

- Please take the time to set up robust parental controls on all devices and ensure that you set passwords and codes that only you know.
- If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/
- Remind your children about the importance of treating people online as you would in real life and make sure they know how to report any incidents to a trusted adult.
- Remember social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and WhatsApp have age restrictions. It is important that these are followed especially in light of recent news stories. More information about these can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>. There is some helpful advice relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlinesafety>

In addition, please see the attached letter from Hampshire Constabulary which has been sent to all schools to share with parents and carers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your children's safety online please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a very merry Christmas!

Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Kies

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