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Dear Parents and Carers.

As we are now close to the Christmas, I wanted to remind you of the importance of remaining safe online for our children.

The NSPCC have provided some useful advice that I thought would be useful to share with you.

Games Consoles

Most games consoles have internet access, which means your child can go online and chat with other players or make in-game purchases. On many consoles there are parental controls which allow you to manage which features are available to your child. On some devices you can:

- turn off chat functions to stop your child from talking to people they don't know
- restrict games based on age
- turn off in-game purchases or set a limit.

Check the website for the console your child has for a parents' section and details of features. Some games also allow you to change settings for that individual game.

PlayStation Family Management

On PlayStation consoles you can set up a Family Manager account which allows you to manage different accounts for different children/users. Within this you can manage a range of features, such as restricting communication with other players, restricting content, setting play time controls and set spending limits. See all the features available for PS4 and for PS5.

For more information, you can go to: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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