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Dear Parents,

Safeguarding children using the internet and chat rooms at home

We are committed to promoting the safe use of the internet and we feel it is our responsibility to raise some concerns with you. Websites and chat rooms can offer some amazing communication and learning opportunities, however, we know from professional experience that some of the risks can include:

- Children being exposed to adverts and links of a sexual or other inappropriate nature
- Children may accept links and requests from people they don't know, which could increase the risk of inappropriate behaviour
- Links, photographs, gif, anime sent through chat rooms can expose children to inappropriate images or persuaded to post inappropriate images of themselves

It has come to our attention that some children in year five have been accessing inappropriate images via their phones/laptops at home and sending the links to friends/members in the chat room.

We are asking parents to be aware of the risks of underage use of such sites/photographs/videos. Please talk to your child about not clicking on anything they are not sure about and to talk to you or an adult in school if they have any concerns regarding safety online.

The children have had an afternoon of discussions about online safety today. If you require any information on helping your child with online safety please visit our website or talk to your child's teacher.

You can also visit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Thank you for your co-operation

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