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## ONLINE SAFETY ALERT

Dear Parents/Carers,

it has come to our attention that some of our Key Stage Two children have been accessing some internet sites at home which are unsafe and we would like to alert you and ask that you are vigilant in using parent controls and checking what your child is able to access without supervision of an adult.

One of the sites some children have been accessing is called **OMEGLE**. This appears to be a chat site and is judged by *commonsensemedia.org* to be age 18+. It is frequently used by adults to chat to children and young people and then share sexually explicit images, expose themselves or ask children to do the same.

Some of our older children have also talked about going onto the **PORNHUB** website, which is obviously not something school or parents would want.

You can be confident that children cannot access these sites in school, as we have protection in place. I would urge you to do all you can to put age-limits on your home internet filters and also to supervise and check regularly what your child is looking at online. Some children have told us that they started out looking at something innocent on youtube, but then followed one of the video presenters over to these sites when they were mentioned.

If you would like more advice to help with online safety, the website **thinkuknow.co.uk** has lots of useful advice for parents, and **commonsensemedia.org** is really helpful in checking a film, website, game or book to see if it is suitable for your child.

We have spoken to the children who brought this to light and will be doing some work with Key Stage Two classes around online safety to top up the work we do throughout the year.

If you have any concerns regarding the issue of online safety, please do not hesitate to contact school.

yours sincerely,

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