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Dear Parents/Carers,

Online Safety for Year 6 Pupils

It has been brought to our attention that a number of Year 6 students have compromised their safety online whilst at home.

At Oswald Road we take the safety of our pupils very seriously, including their safety while they access the internet. We want this approach to e-safety to spread to the home online environment too and we are therefore sharing with you some tips and resources to help you guide your children and help you keep up-to-date in the digital world. Here are a few tips to help you keep your children safe on line:

- **Think u know** (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/>) is always a good place to start – you will see the report abuse button that your child will know about from school.
- Another site that is helpful for parent controls is **UK Safer Internet Centre** (<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>)

This site advises you to take four steps:

1. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online
2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services (eg. Facebook privacy settings)
3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet
4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in our Parents' Guide to Technology

Digital Parenting is another useful website to look at – <http://www.pitda.co.uk/>

There are three areas to think about:

WHO your child is talking to,
WHAT they're doing, and
WHERE they're going online

If you would like any information about this matter please do not hesitate to contact either me or Amanda Clifton (Pastoral Support).

Kind regards,

Lisa Cameron
Safeguarding and Pastoral Manager



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