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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Online Safety

At Boughton Monchelsea Primary School, the safety of your children is our first priority and this applies equally to their experiences when using the internet as in the real world. Our children are growing up in exciting times, as the digital revolution has changed the way we communicate, learn and play. However it can often be difficult to know how to help children navigate a safe pathway through the online world; to protect them without overblocking content and to help them make sensible choices when using the internet.

In order to raise awareness of issues of internet safety, we are planning a series of events for parents, staff and pupils to coincide with Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 7th February**. At school during that week, we will be focusing on internet safety during assemblies and in class lessons.

On **Thursday 9th February at 6pm** we will be holding a workshop for parents and carers to explore the risks that face our children online, and to discuss how parents can take practical steps to monitor and support safe internet usage at home. The meeting will last about an hour, and refreshments will be served. We do hope that you are able to attend.

We will shortly be updating our website with more information about online safety, but the following links may be of interest in the meantime.

www.theparentzone.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

www.childnet.com/resources/know-it-all-for-parents

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.getsafeonline.org

www.internetmatters.org

www.knowthenet.org.uk

If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's use of the internet, I would be happy to discuss the matter in confidence.

Kind regards

Ruth Roberts (Mrs)