



Online gaming and chats

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you will agree with me that one of the greatest challenges as a modern parent is being able to effectively control our children's use of online devices at home, whether it be gaming, chatting online with friends, or watching the limitless content available. While some of these opportunities can be fantastic, it is also filled with considerable challenges and dangers.

We have recently seen an increase in conflict coming into school and affecting behaviour and learning from these outside influences, especially WhatsApp chat groups. As parents we are responsible for all our child's use of these devices.

Please can you have an ongoing discussion with your child about the use of their online devices as well as undertaking the following:

- 1) Regularly check any online chats for inappropriate or inflammatory language and images
- 2) Agree times and limits to the use of online gaming - for the benefit of your child's mental health.

We have been sending out monthly Online Safety Newsletters, which I would encourage you to read. I find them helpful myself, as a parent.

Should you need support in this area, have any questions or suggestions please do come and speak to myself or any member of staff.

Kind regards

Mr Marston

