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Dear Parents/Carers,

During this period of school closure, we are aware that children will be spending more time online either completing their home learning or during their free time. At By Brook Valley we take safeguarding very seriously and this includes keeping children safe online. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with sources of information to support your understanding of online safety to ensure that your children are always using the internet safely and responsibly. The followings are links to websites with key advice and information:

- Internet Matters – a not-for-profit organisation set up to empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world. Their support includes a range of downloadable guides covering subjects such as transition to secondary school, Vlogging & livestreaming, online gaming and cyberbullying.
- NSPCC - includes a range of resources to help parents keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.
- Parent Info - from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Parent Zone, Parent Info is a website for parents covering all the issues amplified by the internet.
- Parent Zone - offers a range of resources for families, to help them meet the challenges of the digital age, including parent guides on the latest digital trends and platforms.

Please ensure that you have the necessary parental restrictions set up on the devices your children will be using. In addition, consider setting up a workspace with comfortable seating and adequate lighting in view of an adult. It will be important during this time for children to get fresh air, exercise and to have regular breaks away from their device.

I understand this is a new situation for many families, which may take a bit of time to get used to. With focus and perseverance children can get into an appropriate routine to ensure they can continue with their education at home.

Many thanks for your support on this matter.

Best wishes,

Carrie Davies

Computing Subject Leader

Roots to grow, wings to fly
"They will soar on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31
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