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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to announce that starting in the new year, Fortuna will be sending home a monthly e-safety newsletter to support you with e-safety for the devices, apps, games and online services your child or children may use.

The newsletter will be produced by Knowsley Learning Centre and will keep you up to date with the latest e-safety guidance for parents so that digital devices can be enjoyed safely. These will also be placed in the e-safety section of the school website so they are available whenever needed.

In the meantime, please find some safety guidance that may help you over the Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully

Craig Chaplin  
Assistant Head



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# Christmas E-Safety

Welcome to our Christmas digital safety newsletter. As some children may be making greater use of digital devices and online platforms over the Christmas holidays at this time of year, we felt now is a good opportunity to give some thought to how we can support them to stay safe whilst having fun.



Setting up **Parental Controls** on the home internet connection may seem a little daunting but the highly-regarded Internet Matters website has some really useful guidance from major broadband providers about setting up online filters.

**Tip:** Use the Interactive guide on the website at:  
[www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide)



Agreeing some Behaviours and Expectations before children receive devices can help to prevent some difficult conversations later.

**Tip:** Look at [www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement](http://www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement) to see some examples of a family agreement.



Not sure about Snaps, Streaks, TikTok or Insta? The variety of Apps and Social Media tools can seem bewildering at first but the very-highly recommended NetAware resource from O2 and the NSPCC is an excellent way to find out more about the different apps and games your child may use – see: [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

**Tip:** NetAware also has an app for your smartphone to stay in touch with the latest updates.



Most modern gaming consoles connect online and often have in-built web browsers. Ensuring appropriate gaming content is also important so make sure to check what PEGI-rating different games have, including the descriptions such as Violence or Bad Language – see: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

**Tip:** Some games also offer in-game purchases for additional content – if so, use vouchers rather than credit cards to help save you from unexpected bills later.

Don't forget the Positives! Being aware of the potential risks the online world poses is very important but don't forget it also offers us immense opportunities and benefits.

The internet can be a great source of entertainment and can be a place to learn too!