

Dear Parent/Carer,

The internet is proving invaluable for our children to continue their education and keep in touch with their friends through the many social networking sites. With this in mind, we felt it important to send out some support for parents and carers on supporting your children in navigating the internet safely.

There are many organisations providing detailed information on a range of topics in this area such as talking to your child about online safety, the risks of online games, livestreaming and parental controls.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk> - It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk> - You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help your child stay safe online. Our advice and resources are here to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Unfortunately, whilst the internet is a fantastic resource it can also be used inappropriately by both adults and other children. If your child or teenager experiences any difficulties whilst using the internet there are organisations that can offer support.

**Top Tip:** It is never the child's fault if they encounter abuse online, it is the responsibility of the adult or other child who is acting irresponsibly or breaking the law.

<https://www.childline.org.uk> - Having a mobile phone and going online is great for lots of reasons. But it's important to be aware of the dangers too. Learn how to stay safe online.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk> - Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating online? This website will help you.

If you worried and feel like you would like to talk to a member of school staff, please email [office@hollymountschool.org](mailto:office@hollymountschool.org) and someone will get in touch with you.

Kind regards

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