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Dear Parents & Carers,

Parent/carer access to the National Online Safety Portal (NOS)

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

YOU SAID...

Many of our parents/carers have already told us through feedback on our live Safeguarding Parents/carers Survey that online safety is a concern for them in safeguarding their child/ren. In addition, our recent Safeguarding pupil survey also highlighted some concerns from our children about online safety.

WE DID... School have taken both yours and your children's views on board and we are now delighted to announce that we are showing our commitment to protecting our children online by working with **National Online Safety** providing a range of useful resources for staff, governors, parents and carers so collectively we create a culture and environment which keeps our children safe online.

PARENT/CARER RESOURCES: The resources include Parents and Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms

- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

Getting started is really easy, all you need to do is follow the instructions below to create your own account and to find a walk through parents/carers guide of resources available for parents and carers.

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ACCESSING NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/CARERS:

To create your account, please follow https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-modwen-s-catholic-primary-school and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device-including via our brand-new smartphone app, I've attached a National Online Safety flyer titled **Download your Free Online Safety App for Parents & Carers** for your reference. To download the app, please go to:

- https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372 or
- https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

PARENTAL/CARERS WALK THROUGH OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Once you've created your account there is a really useful walk-through guide for parents/carers which demonstrates the breadth of resources available to you. Please follow the link below for a walk-through guide https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre/parent-walkthrough-for-national-online-safety

You can also find more help and support and answers to frequently asked questions and customer service at https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY SCHOOL ACCREDITATION: We would like to evidence our commitment and collaborative approach to safeguarding our children online by becoming a National Online Safety Certified School. This is a rigorous process involves school demonstrating its staff team, governors, parents and carers collective commitment through accessing training resources, webinars via the National Online Safety Portal. To help school achieve this once you have created your account can you please complete the following training, dependant on the age of your child/ren in school, which will contribute towards schools accreditation:

- Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 3-7
- Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11

We hope you find this on-line resource useful and over the coming weeks and months school will share with you our collective progress on becoming a National Online Safety Certified School.

Yours sincerely,

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