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Dear Parent,

This week at school we have been learning how to keep safe on the Internet, particularly in online social areas. Many children use "chatrooms" as a popular means of communication outside school, alongside text messaging on mobile phones.

Unfortunately, this modern technology is still prone to unsociable problems, such as bullying and arguments, or on a more serious note, for offensive and illegal purposes. Year ____ have been learning how to use the Internet, to get the most out of it while staying safe. You can help at home by following these simple tips:

- Supervise your children's use of the Internet
- Encourage the use of websites which require registration, these are more likely to offer will run social areas for children
- Children should not visit un-moderated (un-supervised) chatrooms
- Remind your children that online friends are still strangers, if they want to meet up with a new internet buddy, ALWAYS go with them
- Remind your children to always keep their personal details secret, including passwords and e-mail addresses

Yours Sincerely,

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