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Dear parents / carers

As we start 2022 I want to highlight children's online safety with the possible arrival of new digital devices.

I really want to take this time to share these links and information around social media. The age of usage is getting younger and younger and therefore increasing risk to our young people through social media and gaming connections.

Please can I ask if your child is using social media, or thinking about it, that you take ten minutes with them in front of the devices and check settings on ***each and every app***, as settings may vary.

We need to do all that we can in helping to safeguard children from online harm. Settings need to be set to private, friends only, ghost mode on Snapmaps etc.

All the links below will help you in limiting risk to our young people and actually assist in helping us as adults to understand a little more, and allow outlets for reporting matters online should it be needed.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/>

Kind regards

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