Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19: Support for Parents and Carers to Keep Children Safe Online

We are writing to inform you that there are two new online safety apps, one for students and one for parents, that we think are important and you should be aware of.

The App for students is called **Own it** and is made by the BBC. It looks really good as it has a special keyboard that monitors what students are writing. For example, it can monitor what they are typing in their messages to their friends, or what they are posting online and it will give them advice based on what they are writing. For example, if they start to say something bad, or sad, start to share personal information, or if it detects that they are being unkind without meaning to be, the App will alert them and give them advice. It even works when they are typing outside of the App, for example in a search engine. The information collected by the App never leaves the App and is never sent anywhere. It also has a diary facility for students to keep a log of how they are feeling, produce reports for them and give them a summary of their online activities. It's all geared to helping their wellbeing and looks really good.

The App for parents and carers is called **SafeTo Net** and gives parents and carers lots of help and advice to help them safeguard their children from the online risks.

This link can also be found in the School Closure Information - Online Safety page of the School website.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online

Best wishes,

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