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Dear Parents,

Safer use of the internet

The internet is always changing and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. However, children and young people still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely.

At Castle Camps, we take internet safety very seriously and would like to make you aware of some of the online resources for children and parents. All of them provide useful advice, resources and games to help children and adults remain safe on the internet. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the e-safety resources (under the 'Children' tab) on our school website: <http://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk/e-safety>. Here you will find 2 free e-books to share with younger children:

'Digiduck's Big Decision' and **'The Adventures of Smartie the Penguin'**.

Both stories, which are beautifully presented, help to introduce responsible and safe internet use at home. On the e-safety page, you will also find a hyperlink to **'The Adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew'**. These Key Stage 2 cartoons, illustrate five e-safety SMART rules and include a real life SMART Crew of young people, who guide the cartoon characters in their quest, and help them make safe online decisions.

Other Useful Sites

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

This provides information and resources on internet safety. There are areas for 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds and 11-16 year olds and all have games and videos promoting how to have fun on the internet safely.

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents.html>

Vodafone Digital parenting magazine is recommended by the Child Protection and ICT team.

<http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/default.aspx>

Kidsmart is an award winning practical internet website for schools, young people, parents, and agencies, produced by the children's internet charity Childnet International.

www.childnet.com/

Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

We hope you find these links useful and enjoy sharing the e-books and cartoons with your child/children.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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