Dear Parents/Carers,

As the new safeguarding lead at Two Mile Ash, it has been a pleasure to begin meeting pupils and parent/carers over the last few weeks. I very much look forward to continuing to work alongside the TMA team, in support of parents/carers and your children moving forward.

With Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6ᵗʰ February, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share helpful links and information to support our children to stay safe online.

Working to support young people in schools, and having my own teenage boys, I am mindful of the impact the digital world has had on all our lives and with this the increasing importance to learn how to navigate this world safely together. If like me, you sometimes feel your children are more advanced in IT than yourselves (!), hopefully you will find the following links and resources helpful, to support your children at home to safely navigate the internet, social media and gaming, whilst reinforcing the message of '*safer internet use.*'

In school, we also remain committed to this message, with teaching and learning about the digital world embedded throughout the curriculum. The introduction of the new iPads for all our pupils is an exciting time and we will continue to guide your children safely through their online journey as well.

Should you require any further advise in this area or have other family support or safeguarding queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school reception.

Kind regards

Hannah Buckledee

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Designated Safegaurding Lead

Links to helpful 'Safer Internet' resources and guidance:

Below are just some of the areas covered in this link but there are many more resources and guides available once on the 'Internet Matters' website:

    www.internetmatters.org

Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters

3 'Digital Safety at a Glance' leaflets available, offering guidance for parents:

Guidance for parents of 5-7 year olds

Guidance for parents of 8-10 year olds

Guidance for parents of 11-13 year olds

Gaming Advice Hub:
Find the latest advice to understand the world of online gaming and encourage young people to game safely and responsibly online.

Gaming Advice Hub - Internet Matters

Social Media Advice Hub:
A hub of advice to help your family navigate the risks and rewards that social media can bring.

Social media advice hub | Internet Matters

Apps Guide:
A guide to what apps children and teens use, with information and guidance for parents to help support children's digital wellbeing.

A parent's guide to apps for kids | Internet Matters

Device Set-Up:
A guide to setting up devices for children to help them get the best out of their digital experiences.

Set up devices for children - Internet Matters