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Dear Parents and Carers,

When our children are young, we do our best to help them get the most out of the internet while keeping them safer online. As children mature into teenagers, our role shifts to helping them learn to navigate the digital parts of their lives safely and thoughtfully.

At Westroyd, we believe in partnering with parents and preparing our Key Stage 2 pupils to:

- Think critically and evaluate apps, websites and other digital content.
- Protect themselves from online threats, including bullying and scams.
- Get sharp about sharing: what, when, how, and with whom.
- Be kind and respectful toward other people online, including respecting their privacy.
- Ask for help with tricky situations from a parent or other trusted adult.

This year, these efforts will include Be Internet Legends, a multifaceted programme designed to teach children the skills they need to be safer and more confident online. One of the resources, Interland, is a browser-based game that makes learning about digital safety interactive and fun. It can be played at home too (your child might love to show you how it's done). Developed by Google in partnership with the online safety experts at Parent Zone, Be Internet Legends provides fun, age-appropriate learning experiences built around five foundational lessons:

- Think Before You Share
- Check it's For Real
- Protect Your Stuff
- Respect Each Other
- When in Doubt, Discuss

Smart, safe technology use can enable pupils to drive their own learning and help our school function better. We believe this programme will mark an important step toward our goal of ensuring that all our pupils at Westroyd are learning, exploring and staying safer online, both inside and outside the school walls.

We'll be happy to share more information about this new programme, including introductions to some of the resources your child will start using in class, but we also invite you to check out the resources that go with it at g.co/BeInternetLegends. There is also more information on our Curriculum PSHE page on the school website.

We encourage you to ask your child about what they're learning and continue the conversation at home – and who knows, you just might pick up a few privacy and security tricks yourself!

Yours faithfully,
Miss Martin
PSHE Subject Leader

Westroyd Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children.

