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Dear Parents & Carers,

Every day it seems our children spend more and more time online, so we recognise the need for schools, parents and carers to work together to take an active role in teaching children about online safety. Teaching students how to keep themselves safe when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. Equally, if we are going to support them in this, it is also necessary for us to be well informed. Often this involves learning about platforms that are very new and rapidly changing.

In school we frequently discuss online safety with our students during tutor time, assemblies and as part of the PSHE curriculum, but we feel it is also important for you as parents and carers to understand the online world children inhabit and for us to provide you with information to help you to protect your children online.

We are therefore delighted to announce that at Corby Technical School we have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with *National Online Safety* to provide high quality and frequently updated resources for all our parents and carers to access.

The resources include online courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including but not limited to:

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| Online Relationships | Age-Inappropriate Content |
| Fake Profiles & Social Bots | Fake News |
| Online Bullying | Online Fraud |
| Live Streaming | Online Reputation |
| Online Identity | Personal Data |
| Screen Addiction | Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups |
| Online Challenges | The Dark Web |
| Social Media Platforms | Games & Trends |

To create your account, please follow **https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/corby-technical-school** and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and all the resources will be freely accessible for you to use as it suits you.  This information is also available on the school website in the Safeguarding section.

You can access *National Online Safety* via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please choose the appropriate link below for your device:

Apple devices - https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372.

Android devices - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at:
https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre.

Yours sincerely,

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