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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Online Safety & Monitoring

As you will be aware, your child's school Google account is an integral part of their learning across the curriculum. In providing the tools to access the internet we take our responsibilities for monitoring and filtering your child's use of the internet very seriously.

During term time and within school hours we use a filtering system called Lightspeed. Lightspeed not only protects our pupils from accessing harmful content, online predators and cyberbullying, it also alerts us in the case of a 'risk to life' concern. As we head into the summer break we wanted to make you aware that the filtering system will continue but as it is school holidays we will not be able to respond to alerts. Therefore it is important that you continue to monitor your child's use of the internet. Advice is available on our school website.

As an additional precaution, we will be limiting your child's ability to use search engines on school devices during school holidays in order to protect your child's wellbeing and reduce the risk of inappropriate searches. Your child can still use their school Google account to access other features within Google Suite. This change will come into effect today.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mathew Currie  
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