

Dear Parent

In the modern world digital parenting is both an exciting and scary roll we all face. Your child's use of technology and their online presence, be it a mobile phone, iPad or tablet, laptop, games console or PC is, or will be, an important part of their lives. As a school we have asked you to join our iPads for learning initiative by purchasing an iPad. We appreciate that this will present a range of challenges for you as parents so hopefully the links below will give you some support, advice and guidance should you feel you need it when it comes to using, monitoring and knowing about the fast moving, technological world that your child will inhabit.

[Click here](#) for a short video clip to introduce the changing nature of parenting.

[Parentzone](#): an excellent website covering a range of issues and latest trends to support parents. Lots of special articles frequently updated with the latest news and issues. They offer a range of support and well worth signing up for their newsletters and emails. They produce some excellent [Parent Guides](#) to popular games, apps and social media to explain to you what they are and any potential dangers.

Working with [Parentzone](#) is the [Vodafone Foundation](#). They also have a very good website for digital parenting. They have a very helpful page on using [parental controls](#) on a range of devices.

National Online Safety produce excellent infographics on a range of digital parenting topics aimed at keeping people informed of the latest trends and popular online activities. They produce a new feature every week. You need to sign up to their [#WakeUpWednesday](#) mailing list to receive their latest advice.

The [Think You Know](#) website run by the Police's CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) division has a range of advice mainly concerning online safety.

For iPads specifically 2 webpages you may want to look at are [Parental controls](#) and [Family sharing](#). These will guide you through ways you can control and monitor your child's use of the device. One important part is information on how to prevent [in app purchases](#).

All of the above have regular social media (Facebook, Twitter etc...) communication to support their work.

Finally we will be distributing the annual Digital Parenting Magazine produced by Vodafone and Parentzone later in the year. If you feel you need additional support from us then we have the [ipadsupport@manoracademy.org](mailto:ipadsupport@manoracademy.org) email which you are welcome to use to ask any questions you have.

Regards