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## *ENJOY, CARE, AIM HIGH AND SUCCEED TOGETHER*

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been made aware from social media that there are concerns regarding the online game Roblox. I have spoken to some of our children and they have told me that many of our pupils are playing. The children have told me that many of them have maximum friends (200). They say that they have followers too and you can have as many of these as you want. The children say that there are safety measures in place by Roblox which includes the use of ## if a rude word is used. One of the children said that they have been approached for their address and telephone number by someone they did not know. They did not give it and blocked them.

Family Zone report that the biggest issue with this game is the social interaction amongst players. "The purpose of Roblox is for players to interact and make friends. This is achieved by wandering around the online world and stopping to talk with other players within an un-moderated chat feature. Like any online multiplayer game, there is little to no control over the types of people or age limits of those playing the game. Despite the fact that strict chat filters can be activated – blocking inappropriate words and phrases – children are still susceptible to being targeted by online predators." Ref: <https://www.familyzone.com/blog/roblox-parents-review>

Please would you stress with your children the importance of staying safe on-line. Children should never give out any personal information including their name, age, address, telephone number, school. They should use a nickname rather than their real name and an avatar picture rather than a real picture of themselves.

The following link is for children aged 8 upwards. It is a video which explores the risks with making friends online. [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/Films-to-watch-with-your-children/Jigsaw\\_original/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/Films-to-watch-with-your-children/Jigsaw_original/)

### **Other useful links:**

KS2 Child Friendly: <http://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>

KS1 Child Friendly: [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/)

Advice for Parents/Carers:

[https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMIppGGmagH2QIVxbztCh0SBwp7EAAYASAAEqItBfD\\_BwE](https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMIppGGmagH2QIVxbztCh0SBwp7EAAYASAAEqItBfD_BwE)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day and the children will be learning more about keeping themselves safe. Please reinforce these messages with your children at home.

Kind regards

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