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Dear Parents and Carers

At Hamilton Academy we take our duty, to safeguard the children in our care, extremely seriously. Safeguarding takes many forms, and there are ever increasing dangers. One aspect of keeping children safe, that is becoming more important, is educating our children to stay safe online.

The internet is a wonderful resource that we all use on a daily basis, and when used safely, can affect learning and life in a positive and healthy way. One of our challenges, especially as children get older, is how to ensure they are safe online, without removing access to this valuable resource altogether. As part of our curriculum, we teach the children regularly about this subject, and they are given guidance on how they can maintain their privacy online.

We appreciate that, as parents, it might feel overwhelming to know how to ensure your child is safe online. Getting the balance right between allowing your child access to the internet, whilst maintaining privacy settings can be difficult to manage. With that in mind, we are pleased to be able to offer a **free training course for parents on E-safety** that you can access from your home computer or tablet. The course takes around an hour to complete, and should help alleviate some worries you may have, as well as give you some valuable advice and information to help you keep your child safe online.

To access the free online training course, simply follow the link below, or enter it into your search engine, where you will be able to set up an account and start the course at your convenience.

https://www.childprotectioncompany.com/CPC/L/49ACE1E6DE

Your children may have received new games consoles or tablets for Christmas, so this is a perfect time to complete the course so you are prepared to keep your child safe online.

If you have any questions, or are struggling to access the training course online, please speak with myself or Miss Milward who will be pleased to support you.

Yours sincerely,

C. Robinson

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Designated Safeguarding Lead