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Dear Parent / Carer,

As more and more of our students begin to use Chromebooks in School, it is only right that we should inform you of the School's filtering, monitoring and safety settings. I'd like to offer some guidance around how best to ensure your child's phone or Chromebook is set up safely and how we monitor this in School.

In School:

- Students will always sign in via their TBS email profile on their Chromebooks and any filtering and monitoring will be conducted via the TBS broadband
- This only works when they log in at School - all prior restrictions and settings set at home on their Wi-Fi will not be operational on the School site's broadband
- The School will not filter any content at home on the family's Wi-Fi
- Chromebook TBS licences means only a TBS profile can be set up on the device
- Parents should be mindful that much like mobile phones, Chromebooks can be moved around and join from router to router to access unrestricted Wi-Fi

At home:

- Most large broadband providers have shields or screens that can be set up via a website or an app, allowing filters and blocks to be set up on each device
- Families should ensure the family Wi-Fi screens/shields/filters (dependant on Wi-Fi provider) are robustly set up for when the Chromebook accesses the home router
- Monitor your child's internet browsing history regularly
- Many established mobile phone providers such as Apple and Android have their own family supervision app. Google family link allows parents to restrict screen hours, age appropriate apps and internet content.

For any further advice the following sites are extremely useful for parents:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/#:~:text=What%20are%20parental%20controls%3F,and%20other%20online%20safety%20issues>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

Should you require any further information regarding the use of Chromebooks whilst at School, please email chromebook@buckinghamschool.org.

Yours faithfully

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