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<u>PARENTAL CIRCULAR - CLASSES: BUDS - XII</u> SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM ONLINE THREATS

Dear Parent

The school education has had a paradigm shift from the carefree days of learning collectively in the safe school environment to the online mode of acquiring knowledge during COVID-19 pandemic. As parents and guardians it is necessary for us to remain vigilant and ensure the safety of our children while they are accessing internet. It is, also, equally important that the children are warned against the risks involved and we are able to provide them safe learning spaces that keep their innocence and cater to their curiosity in a non-harmful way.

A study has been conducted by India Child Protection Fund (ICPF) regarding online exploitation of children and increase in activities related to child sexual abuse material. Hence, it is imperative to make our children aware about the safe use of internet. NCERT and UNESCO have jointly developed guidelines on "SAFE ONLINE LEARNING IN TIMES OF COVID-19" for sensitization of students and parents. The guidelines can be accessed through the link given below:

https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/announcement/Safetolearn English.pdf

The same guidelines are also available on the school website.

Stay safe and happy learning

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