



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year!

As I am sure lots of children will have been playing more on tablets and video games over the Christmas holidays, we wanted to bring up some concerns that have been raised. It has come to our attention that some children have been able to access inappropriate content through YouTube. This has led to the children being scared and concerned about what they have seen and then having conversations with their friends, some children have had nightmares. In particular, there are certain Youtube videos which are based around the game 'Roblox', but which then have inappropriate, scary or distressing content within them. This means children are watching what they think is ok, but are then seeing things that are not appropriate for their age group.

Children should not be accessing YouTube unless supervised. Please can we ask you to ensure that you are checking in with them on what they are accessing and watching at home, and having regular conversations with them about what to do if they see or watch something that makes them uncomfortable.

The NSPCC have some handy guides about online safety, and 'The 2 Johns' have some useful videos and tips for talking with your children. We also revisit the topic of staying safe online regularly in school.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/childrens-area/3-11-year-olds/>

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mrs Emma Turner
Deputy Head

