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Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I remind you that if you have any safeguarding needs over the Christmas holidays, please contact EHASH (Rochdale) on 0300 303 0440 or EHASH out of hours – 0300 303 8875.

If you need to talk to the NSPCC, they can be contacted by phone at 0808 800 5000 or by email - help@nspcc.org.uk

Children may spend more time online during the forthcoming holidays and some will receive new devices. We have had incidents in Rochdale where primary age children have been manipulated into removing their clothing whilst on camera. Offenders sometimes use a tactic of a 'challenge' or 'race' so the child doesn't realise they are being exploited. This webpage [Undressed \(lgfl.net\)](http://lgfl.net) features a song which I encourage you to play to your children as it addresses the importance of not getting undressed whilst they are online. It also has some other great resources such as posters, colouring etc. The song is perhaps aimed at younger children, but the message is important to all.

Of course, please can I remind you to remain vigilant in respect of monitoring your child's online usage over Christmas. There are a wealth of guides to social media/gaming on our website, stmrc.co.uk: go to 'Home Learning'-'Online Safety'. These guides are taken from the website <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>. This is a brilliant resource!

Finally, can I thank you for all your help over the term to ensure that our children stay safe on-line.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Mr. McGrail
DSL/Deputy Head



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