



Friday March 6th 2026,

Dear parents,

At Straits International School Rawang, we are committed to keeping the young people in our care safe online. As an international school community, we are proud of the way our students embrace technology to enhance their learning, creativity, and global connections. Digital tools open up remarkable opportunities for collaboration and discovery. However, as our children spend more time online, it is essential that we work together to ensure their safety and wellbeing in the digital world.

I know that many of our students regularly use platforms such as TikTok and Roblox, along with other social media, gaming, and messaging apps. While these platforms can offer creativity, social connection, and entertainment, they also present potential risks, including exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, in-app purchases, and online bullying.

Online safety is not simply a technical issue — it is a shared responsibility between school and home. Recently, we have asked parents to support our commitment to keeping our students safe online by aligning with our expectations of using the Smoothwall browser on all devices, and I am grateful to the clear majority of parents who have very willingly agreed with us on this matter. Each week, Smoothwall provides me with an outline of the online threats it has protected our students from, and very frequently this number is in the thousands. However, while we implement robust filtering systems, secure networks, and age-appropriate digital education in school, the conversations and boundaries established at home are equally important.

Highlighted below are a few key areas where your support may also make a significant difference:

1. Open Communication

Encourage your child to speak openly about their online experiences — including what they are watching, creating, and who they are interacting with. Children should feel confident reporting anything that makes them uncomfortable, confused, or upset.

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2. Age-Appropriate Use

Please check the age ratings and terms of service for the apps and games your child uses. Many platforms have minimum age requirements designed to protect younger users.

3. Privacy and Digital Footprint

Help your child understand that videos, comments, usernames, and shared images can reach far beyond their intended audience. Discuss privacy settings together and ensure accounts are appropriately secured.

4. Gaming Safety

For interactive platforms, particularly online games with chat functions, consider disabling open chat features where possible, monitoring friend lists, and reviewing in-game purchases.

5. Screen Time and Wellbeing

Healthy routines — including device-free time before bed — support emotional wellbeing, sleep quality, and academic focus.

6. Respectful Online Behaviour

We actively teach our students about kindness, empathy, and digital citizenship via our Straits Future Five programme. Reinforcing these values at home helps prevent cyberbullying and promotes responsible online conduct.

If you ever have concerns about your child's online activity or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or our safeguarding team. Early communication allows us to provide timely support. By working together, we can empower our children to navigate the digital world safely, confidently, and responsibly.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me about any of the points above, or indeed about any other issues, then you are always welcome to do so via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,



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