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Assalamu 'Alaikum Wr Wbr (May His Peace, Mercy and Blessings be Upon You)

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Social Broadband/Phone Tariffs | Skills Toolkit | Online Safety Guidance

I hope you are well and in the best of health.

I am writing to provide you with some important information that maybe useful to you.

Social Broadband/Phone Tariffs:

Amid rising living costs, telecoms providers have made social broadband and phone tariffs available for people on certain benefits.

Ofcom (the communications regulator) has compiled a list of providers that offer cheaper broadband and phone tariffs for eligible households. For more information and eligibility please visit: https://bit.ly/ofcom-tariffs.

Madani Schools Federation are not involved in administering or advising on your eligibility for these tariffs - queries must be made directly with providers.

Skills Toolkit:

Free courses are available to help you to learn new skills in a range of areas. In particular, vital courses such as those that help you to use a computer/the internet/office applications (e.g. word processors, spreadsheets, etc), practical maths, professional development and personal growth/well-being. Visit the Skills Toolkit on the National Careers Service website for more information (https://bit.ly/skills-toolkit).

Having the necessary skills especially given the technology driven world we are living in are essential in allowing you to support your child with their learning and development.

Parental Controls for Broadband and Digital Devices:

The internet is a fantastic place for children to have fun, learn and be creative but can also expose them to challenging issues such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, grooming, identity theft, sexting, etc.

As parents/carers, it is important that we monitor our child's use of technology to protect them from online risks. **Parental controls** allow you to monitor, block and filter upsetting/inappropriate content. These controls work across a range of devices, networks, and apps within your home. The following website contains guides that show you how to setup parental controls on your home broadband, digital devices and apps that your children may use inside/outside the home: https://bit.ly/im-parental-controls.

Screen Time

I encourage you to closely monitor your child's usage of technology from a safety and health perspective ensuring that your child does not have excessive screen time which can have a negative effect on their health and wellbeing.

You may also find the following websites useful in supporting you with online safety:

- Cyber Security: https://bit.ly/ncsc-cyber-security
- National Online Safety mobile app: https://bit.ly/nos-mobile-app
- Internet Matters (provides a wealth of information/guidance): https://bit.ly/internet-matters

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I pray that the above information is useful in supporting you during these challenging times.

If you require any further support or advice with regards to online safety, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Wasalaam,

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