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Dear Colleague,

Taking e-Safety Responsibility Further

School: King Edward VI Handsworth School

Code:

Birmingham City Council is urging parents, carers and guardians to look at ways in which we can monitor and track what children are doing when using electronic resources, whether at school or at home. In a bid to support this, Birmingham City Council has partnered with Forensic Software to offer CyberSentinel monitoring software **FREE**, for all school children within Birmingham for two years!

What is CyberSentinel?

CyberSentinel is monitoring software that has been developed for the home. Many Birmingham schools are already using the Policy Central offering from Forensic Software that protects children when using web sites, chat rooms, instant messaging and social networks. Most importantly it helps good parents do an even better job – by giving children the freedom to thrive online in safety.

Rather than just blocking unsuitable websites, CyberSentinel recognises and monitors keywords that signal danger, providing that extra protection for peace of mind. A weekly summary is produced for adults to see a record of all internet activity. Parents can log into their control panel from any internet enabled PC and see what their children are doing online at home.

How do I get this software?

In order to circulate CyberSentinel across Birmingham, each school has been provided with a personalised voucher code (see above) that can be distributed to parents to activate this software. Please also find a leaflet enclosed with e-Safety guidance and instructions on how to download CyberSentinel.

IMPORTANT: Please look after your voucher code! Licenses are limited according to school census numbers therefore schools are to ensure that this information is restricted to staff, parents and guardians only and does not reach a wider public domain e.g. school websites or online publications such as newsletters. Please also note **ALL technical issues** are handled by CyberSentinel's technical team (which includes a help desk) via the CyberSentinel website – www.cybersentinel.co.uk/support

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If you would like further information or assistance for any other aspects of e-safety, please visit www.bgfl.org/cybersentinel.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Pyper".

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