



On-Line Safety

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We all use Technology



- We must encourage our children to explore modern media and technology as it offers great opportunities.
- It is up to us as parents, carers and teachers to help them use it wisely and safely.
- Be kind on-line!

What are the risks?



- Cyberbullying
- Grooming
- Inappropriate sites
- Sexting
- Extremism and radicalisation
- Sharing images

Safer use of the Internet for children Emails



- Set up an email account for your family with a password that you have access to.
- Your children can use this email address when signing up for games, accounts etc.
- This way you will be able to supervise any activity that occurs on this address.



Tablets and Phones

- If your child has a smart phone or a tablet, set up their app store using the family email address .
- Ensure that their devices need a password for paid apps.
- Use vouchers not a credit card to pay for apps.
- Check the apps are a suitable rating and that the adverts shown are age appropriate.

Social Media



- Most Social Media sites: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat will say that no child under 13 years is allowed to have an account.
- Children aged between 13-17 need permission from a parent or a legal guardian.
- If your child has an account with any of these sites without your consent and is in these age brackets, the site will terminate their account upon notification.
- So - does your child need an account with a social media site? Talk to them about it before signing them up.
- Do they understand the risks and possible consequences to their actions?

Social Media



- Use a family email address.
- Make sure you are “friends” with them.
- Ensure that their privacy settings are for “friends” only.
- Remind them that what goes online stays forever online.
- Never give out personal details online.
- Talk to your child about online grooming.
- Talk about cyberbullying.
- Tell them to be kind online.

Parental Controls



- Check your parental controls:
- Broadband providers will allow you to select what access your child has.
- Look at the settings on mobile devices.
- You can restrict access to sites and what time they are allowed access to the internet
- Do you check their history and see what they have been doing?

If your child is worried they should tell a trusted adult



- If it is at home, you should reassure them that they have done the right thing in telling you.
- Explain that you know that sometimes things can get out of control online.
- Ask them about what has worried them.
- Block the bullies.
- Keep any evidence they have of the bullying
 - don't delete it, report it!

Who do you go to?



- As a school, we will do all we can to help you and your child with online safety.
- If your child comes to us with an issue , as part of our online safety policy we will share this with you and, if necessary with any other appropriate authorities.
- If we do not know the answer we can advise you on which organisation or authority can help.