

E-Safety Newsletter

Issue 9

The importance of Safety On-Line

Being online is an integral part of children and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets – all of which form a part of our children's online world.

The internet and online technology provides new opportunities for children's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks.

Government guidance for schools across the UK highlights the importance of safeguarding children online, and E-safety forms a fundamental part of our safeguarding and child protection measures in our school.

We have an e-safety committee and representatives from every class are selected to be part of this committee. Children are able to discuss on-line safety, how they can stay safe, and what worries them about being online.

We have policies surrounding e-safety for staff and children and how we can use it responsibly.

We have an e-safety section on the school website with lots of useful information for parents and we have listed a few websites below that parents may want to visit that provide help, guidance and support.

Parent Safe Portal

As a school, we work very closely with LGfL (London Grid for Learning). They have a parent portal that gives support, guidance and useful information to parents in order to help keep children safe when they are online.



The following link <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> provides information on safe settings and controls, screen time, information about different apps that children are using and provides links to other websites that can support parents.

Checklist for Support 0-5 year old's online

Internet Matters offer a useful checklist of practical tips to help children under-5 have a safer online experience and get the best out of the digital world as they grow. There is also a range of helpful tools and expert tips for further support. Please follow this link <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/#checklist>





UK Safer Internet Centre

Parents can find tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep their child safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



ThinkuKnow

This is a fun interactive way for children aged 4-7 to learn about staying safe online. Children can earn badges as they complete the activities with their parents online https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/

Safer Internet Day 2023

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations getting involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

We are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2023** | **Tuesday
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



Childnet

They provide helpful information and guidance on a range of key online safety topics.

<https://www.childnet.com/>

What Parents Need to Know About Age Ratings

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) website provides age classifications for video games in 38 European countries. The age rating confirms that the game is appropriate for players of a certain age. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

