"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."
Viktor Frankl

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23.10.23 - E-Safety information for parents/carers

Dear parents and carers

E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe online. We have security measures in place in school, which are constantly monitored, to help safeguard pupils from any potential dangers.

E-Safety is taught to all pupils explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online and we have recently had lessons with all pupils in order to highlight the importance of this however sometimes this may arouse curiosity around the topic. **Please ensure all filters are applied at home.**

We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you to ensure the e-Safety message is consistent. Your help is needed to talk to your children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online.

The widespread availability and use of social networking applications and alternative browsers bring opportunities to understand, engage and communicate with audiences in new ways. It is important that we are able to use these technologies and services effectively and flexibly. You may find you children asking to engage with technology that you have no knowledge or experience of.

Children are accessing a greater amount of content online, than we were ever exposed to in our childhood. Remember that services like Instagram, Snapchat have a minimum age limit of 13.

You will find children can accidently or deliberately be exposed to unwanted or unpleasant content or comments online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk.

What can parents/carers do?

• Discuss as a family how the internet will be used in your house. Consider what should be kept private online (personal information, photos etc.) and decide rules for making and meeting online friends. Make sure you know what your child is doing online much like you would offline. Online Safety

• Install antivirus software, secure your internet connection and use Parental Control functions for computers, mobile phones and games consoles to block unsuitable content or contact

• Remember that parental control tools are not always 100% effective and sometimes unsuitable content can get past them, so don't rely on them alone to protect your child.

 • Think about locating your computer in a supervised family area. Always supervise their use and consider your child's use of other devices that allow internet access such as Mobile Phones and Games Consoles.

With warm wishes

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'Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.' Jesse Jackson