

Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping children safe

E-Safety

It is increasingly common for children to have a phone, tablet and games console. Many phones now have 4G and enable children to access the internet outside of their homes. There are many devices which allow people to carry out anonymous conversations and share personal details.

If your child has their own phone, tablet, games console or **any** internet enabled device, do you know what apps are on there? Do you know who they are communicating with?

If you are at all concerned about what your child has or could access on-line please follow the links below for advice.

For specific concerns related to what your child has shared on line follow this link:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/My-child-has-shared-too-much-online/>

Think u know also contains more general advice: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Another site that is helpful for parent controls is UK Safer Internet Centre

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

This site advises you to take four steps:

1. Have on-going conversations with your children about staying safe online.
2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services, on all internet enabled devices.
3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet
4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in our Parents' Guide to Technology

Digital Parenting is another useful website to look at – <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

This site says that there are three areas to think about:

WHO your child is talking to,

WHAT they're doing, and

WHERE they're going online

Walking home from school without an adult.

We ask that all parents and carers of children in year 5 and 6 who would like their child to walk home without an adult sign a permission form in school. We are aware some of our children often go home via the park, especially Eastwood Park. We would strongly advise you take the same precautions as advised overleaf.

Do you know?

WHO your child is talking to?

WHO your child is associating with?

WHAT are they doing?

WHERE are they going?

We regularly talk to our children about keeping themselves safe and hold E-safety workshops at school for our children and parents, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need advice.

Yours faithfully

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