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Online Safety Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

Welcome to our second online safety newsletter. It was fantastic to see some amazing work from Safer Internet Day on 9th February. Some of which you can view at the end of this newsletter.

Google Classroom

Thank you so much for all the support you have given us in Google Classrooms. It is a pleasure to teach your children. Can I please ask however that children should be reminded about the type of comments they post in the chat bar. If it isn't something you would say or do out loud in the classroom, then it should not be written in the chat bar or done in the Google classroom. Children are welcome to get up and go to the toilet without asking so as not to interrupt the lesson.

Please encourage your child to have breakfast before the first session, or a snack before the 2nd session as the timing of each slot is the same as if they were in school, so they should be able to get to the end of a lesson without a snack. However, if your child does need a snack, please just go ahead, so as not to interrupt the lesson.

What can I do if I think my child is getting bullied online?

Explain to them what to do if somebody is mean to them online, explain that they shouldn't respond to them. Show them how to use reporting tools and emphasise that they should always talk to a trusted adult. NSPCC have listed their tips on how to cope and what you should do: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/typesofabuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/#support

Further information

There is a lot of information available online containing lots of advice and where to seek additional support.

https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html
https://respectme.org.uk/adults/online-bullying
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-ofabuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/
https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abusesafety/types-bullying/online-bullying/
https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hottopics/cyberbullying

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App in Focus

What is TikTok?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Users can watch musical clips, record 60 second clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.

Is your child using TikTok?

TikTok have created their top 10 Tips for you, which provides a really useful overview of settings to make TikTok a safer environment:

https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/tiktoks-top-10-tips-for-parents

Privacy settings

Find out about TikTok's privacy settings and choose the most appropriate for your child. It is safer for an account to be set to private (therefore only people your child chooses to accept can follow them) although you would still need to talk to your child about only accepting requests from people they know in real life.

You can also set whether or not people can comment on their content.

Reporting

As with any app/website your child is using to interact with others, ensure that they know how to delete, report or block another user as well as know how to report any inappropriate content that they come across:

• https://support.tiktok.com/sv/privacy-safety/block-accounts-sv

• (https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/report-inappropriatecontent-default

Direct messaging/commenting

TikTok has a direct messaging element so users can chat to each other (TikTok now automatically disables Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16) as well as the ability to comment on each other's content. There is a risk on TikTok that cyberbullying can occur, or a user can receive unwanted attention from a stranger.
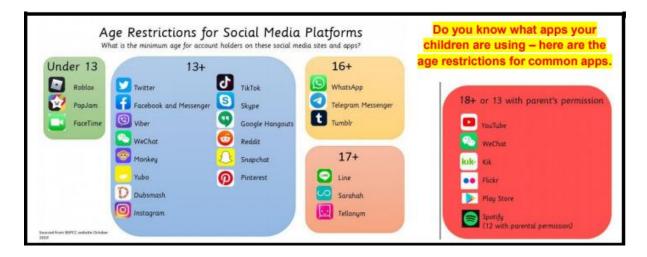
TikTok have produced this list of available settings to reduce the risk of this happening

https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully?lang=en

It is important that your child understands that if they come across anything that they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable then they should speak to you or another trusted adult.
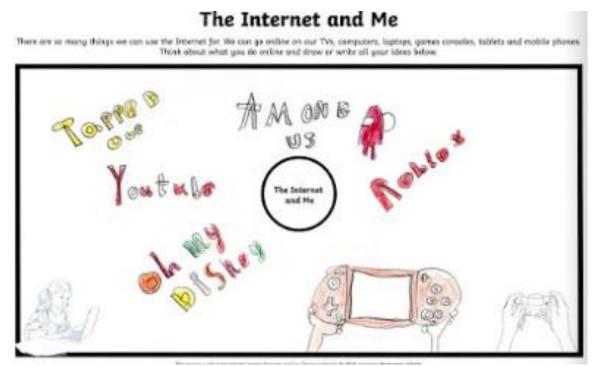
Family safety mode

TikTok have created Family Pairing to help you keep your child safe whilst using TikTok. Family Pairing allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account. Further information https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully

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Safer Internet Day 2021

Safer Internet Day was a great success last month. Please find below a selection of work from remote and in-school learning.

The Internet and Me

There are so many things we can use the Internet for. We can go online on our TVs, computers, laptops, games consoles, tablets and mobile phones. Think about what you do online and draw or write all your ideas below.

Tapped out
Youtube
AMONG US
Roblox
Oh my Disney
The Internet and Me

Lexi, Year 4

Reliability means something you can rely on like a search engine or an app. A trusted search engine would be google or bing. You could make people aware by if you give personal information or go on an insecure website there could be a message saying about your personal information or if it's an insecure website
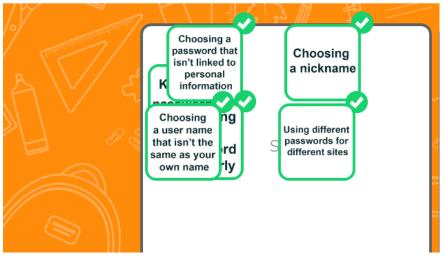
When on the internet don't talk to strangers or people on the internet. If you are on an app that doesn't seem secure don't put in your personal information. You may get an email saying you have won the lottery or have paid for something that you haven't bought. These types of emails are scams so if you come across them delete them! If someone you don't know is contacting you delete them and whatever you do don't reply!

Daisy, Year 5

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Year1 made their own Digiducks for Safer Internet Day.
We learnt all about how to trust the information we read online.

Year 1

Think about which behaviours are safe and which are unsafe.

Choosing a password that isn't linked to personal information

Choosing a nickname

Choosing a user name that isn't the same as your own name

Using different passwords for different sites

Vrinda, Year 2