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INTERNET SAFETY

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

- Does your child have a Smartphone?
- Does your child have access to a tablet device?
- Does your child play online games?

The chances are that many children have routine access to technology with internet access. In school, this is carefully managed with software designed to filter out inappropriate content. No software is perfect, but steps are taken to minimise the risk and educate children about being safe on the internet.

CHECK YOUR HOME SETTINGS

Whilst internet filters are set to the highest levels in primary school, we advise parents to be vigilant in ensuring pupils are safe outside of school. Our new INTERNET SAFETY AT HOME guide highlights practical ways in which you can set filters on your home wi-fi system.

Many parents will already have set up these filters but there are likely to be many parents who have not. Most Internet Service Providers provide online protection tools for no extra cost. These can be set to filter inappropriate sites and give protection from some malware infested sites.

The NSPCC advise the following;

- ◆ Explore the online world together
- ◆ Talk to your child about staying safe online
- ◆ Manage software and tools your family uses
- ◆ Agree rules about what's ok and what's not

We are seeing increasing numbers of issues being brought into school as a result of children using Social Media platforms outside of school. The age restrictions for accessing these platforms are shown below.

PRIMARY AGE PUPILS SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THESE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS;



Age restriction: 13



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Age restriction 16

WhatsApp (source; Action for Children)

As a parent it is up to you whether you ignore the safety advice and allow your child to access social media sites outside of school. However, all parents are advised to make themselves fully aware of the safeguarding dangers of children communicating and exchanging information and photos with strangers.

Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 8/3/17