## Safer Internet

The school aims to educate all pupils about how to get the best out of the internet. Keeping safe on line was the focus for a number of assemblies and events that took place around Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9th February.

As a parent/carer it is not always easy to keep up to date on the latest digital or social media development. Monitoring what our children access and use is very challenging.

In order to support parents/carers with this we would recommend looking at the following links:

**Guide for parents and carers**

http://dwn5wtkv5mp2x.cloudfront.net/ufiles/Supporting-young-people-online1.pdf

**Conversation starters for parents**

http://dwn5wtkv5mp2x.cloudfront.net/ufiles/Parents-Conversation-Starters-SID16.pdf

**Or visit**

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

# INFORMATION & ONLINE RESOURCES

 You can access a range of resources from across the UK, Europe and wider afield at www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents

This organisation has also worked together with Islington Council to create leaflets for foster carers and adoptive parents. The leaflets, which are free to download and easy to print, include top tips and conversation starters to help foster carers and adoptive parents get to grips with internet safety. www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption

Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts online resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. The Parents and Carers area also contains key advice, information on reporting and detailed information on a range of e-safety topics in the Hot topics section. www.childnet.com

Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping young children safe online. www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-young-children-safe-online

A free guide created by Childnet providing Information and advice for parents and carers on supporting young people online is available in 12 additional languages including Arabic, Hindi, Polish, Spanish, Urdu and Welsh. www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online

The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) is a not for profit, charitable trust dedicated to the advancement of education through information and communication technologies. They provide professionals, parents and children with advice, resources and support to use internet technologies safely to enhance learning and maximise potential. www.swgfl.org.uk

The Internet Watch Foundation is the UK's hotline for reporting illegal content found on the internet. It deals specifically with child abuse and criminally obscene images hosted in the UK and internationally. www.iwf.org.uk

# Online resources for parents& carers:

### A parents' guide to technology
The UK Safer Internet Centre has created this guide to answer commonly asked questions and introduce some of the most popular devices used by children, highlighting the safety tools available and empowering parents with the knowledge they need to support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly. www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech

### Internet parental controls
The four big internet providers - BT, Sky, Talk Talk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls that can be activated at any time. Video tutorials on how to download and use these controls are available on the UK Safer Internet Centre website. www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls

## Safety tools on Social Networks and other on line services:

Information and advice on the safety tools, age requirements and terms and conditions for a variety of online services popular with young people.
www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools

 ## Online gaming

Childnet's guide contains helpful advice and information on supporting children and young people playing games online.
www.childnet.com/online-gaming

## Young people and social networking sites

Aims to help parents understand the positive and creative ways young people are using social networking spaces (e.g. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). It also points out the potential risks of using these sites and ways to minimise these risks.

www.childnet.com/sns

## Social network checklists

Free guides produced by the UK Safer Internet Centre that contain detailed instructions and information on privacy and account settings on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/checklists

## Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)

This is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online.

www.ceop.police.uk

CEOP's website contains information for children and parents, as well as a link for children to report abuse online.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

## True Vision

Online content which incites hatred on the grounds of race, religion and sexual orientation can be reported to True Vision; a UK website set up to tackle all forms of hate crime, including those on the grounds of disability and transgender identity. www.report-it.org.uk

If you have concerns about the safety of a child then contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Children can talk to someone for advice and support at any time by contacting ChildLine on 0800 1111 or chatting to a counsellor online at www.childline.org.uk