

Newdigate C of E Endowed Infant School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Here at Newdigate school the children are already very knowledgeable on keeping safe on-line but some help from you to keep the children extra safe would be greatly appreciated; starting to educate children at this young age about this important subject will lay the foundations for their well-being now and in the future.

Talk to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them; if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.

Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child. The Thinkuknow site has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16. www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Encourage your child to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills, e.g. Education City

Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world. Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online. At school we have discussed that sometimes it can be difficult to stop playing games and it's important to listen to our parents as to how long we can play on them for.

If your child wants to play a game that is rated higher than their age, say 'no' and explain why. Talk to the parents of your child's friends. If you are all saying 'no' it makes life easier! When children were asked in assembly what should we do if we are at a friend's house and the friend wants to play a game that they know their parents wouldn't want them to play, a Year 1 child responded with a top tip "suggest playing a different game."

Discuss with your child what they should do if they are asked for their name, address, school; if they see something they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable; someone sends them an unkind message. Your child should be able to say that they need to tell an adult and to NOT delete messages.

Set the routine that at night time i-pads, smart phones (when they get one) are always put in one room, like the kitchen, at a certain time e.g. 7:00pm or bed time. If this is put in place now it will make life much easier when your child grows older.

Know what connects to the internet and how. Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as games console, e.g. x-box live.

Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones. Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a

good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. This website is excellent and has step by step picture instructions on how to set parental control on the majority of devices: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> Click on the icon 'controls.'

Thank you so much for your continued support with on-line safety.

Mrs Priestley

Newdigate C of E Infant School's On-line Safety Rules



I will follow the bee rules when I tap and click.



I know that what you see on the computer may not be true.



I will tell a grownup if I see anything I don't like or I don't understand.



I won't share passwords or give out information about me or my family.

