Online Safety Advice for Parents

Children are interacting with a variety of technologies on a daily basis, both in and out of school, which includes not only Internet technologies but also electronic communications via mobile phones, games consoles and wireless technology. These devices can be significantly beneficial to teaching and learning but there are also potential risks that can place children in danger, due to the Internet being an unmanaged, open communications channel where anyone can publish and distribute information.

Potential risks children face

Bullying via text messaging, email, social networking, etc.

Misuse of personal information including loss of control over personal images, videos and details.

Access to inappropriate content of an adult nature including offensive/controversial ideas and advice.

Exposure to explicit content including violence, substance abuse and pornographic material.

Sexual grooming, exploitation and abuse.

Viruses, hacking and computer security

It is important to remember that the legal age to have an account on most social media, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, is 13 years old. WhatsApp is 16 years old.

Although the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online - such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing illegal or inappropriate content, it is a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. Children use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves.

How can you support your child?

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

Think about how you use the internet as a family. What you could do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online.

Where can you go for extra help and support?

- CEOP - https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
- Internet Matters - https://www.internetmatters.org/
- Childnet - https://www.childnet.com
- Safer Internet - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/

You can also contact your child's teacher via the year group emails.

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year3@paganelschool.net	year4@paganelschool.net
year5@paganelschool.net	year6@paganelschool.net

Privacy Settings

Use the step-by-step guides on this website to help you set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites your child uses to give them a safer online experience.

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

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