



# E-Safety Newsletter



Issue 1

Dear Parents,

May I thank all families who returned the E-Safety questionnaires. They have provided a valuable insight into the areas of technology used at home and we have adapted our teaching to accommodate these. If you have not yet had a chance to return the questionnaire, please feel free to do so.

The children have now started work on e-safety which will be fully embedded into all areas of the curriculum. We all need to be aware of issues surrounding children's e-safety. These include their safety on the internet, on social messaging sites, when texting using mobile phones and via information on the school website. Whilst we focus upon e-safety during ICT sessions, the promotion of e-safety is a whole year, joint home and school task.

To help you support this work at home, I will be writing e-safety newsletters which will include regular updates in ways of protecting children as well as informing you of what the children are learning at school in case they ask you any questions at home.

To accompany these newsletters, we will be introducing, 'how to' guides. These will provide information for setting up privacy settings on you tube, mobile phones, the internet and various gaming consoles.

The first 'how to' guide is, 'How to make the most of Windows®7 Parental Controls'.

I am aware that these guides will not necessarily be appropriate for the soft/hardware you have at home. If you would like something specific covered, please just ask.

I have also copied below some recommended sites for you to visit as parents, and/or with your children, to give you more information and support in dealing with issues around e-safety.

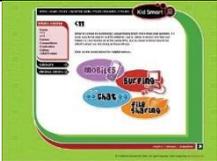
I hope that you find these useful. You can also access the newsletters and links on our school website.

Yours faithfully,

Miss T Whitmarsh

## E-Safety Websites

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|    | <a href="http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/">http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</a>  | <p>Thinkuknow is a site in which the information is brought to you by the team at the <a href="#">ChildExploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre</a> . On the site visitors can find the latest information on the sites young people like to visit, mobiles and new technology. Find out what's good, what's not and what you can do about it. There are resources for parents and teachers and, most importantly, a place which anyone can use to report if they feel uncomfortable or worried about someone they are chatting to online.</p> <p>For 8 and 11 year olds, this site has an area for you to show you what we think is good, look at what's not and show you ways you can get yourself out of bad situations.</p> |
|   | <a href="http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/">http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/</a>  | <p>For 8 and 11 year olds, this site has an area for you to show you what we think is good, look at what's not and show you ways you can get yourself out of bad situations.</p>  |
|   | <a href="http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/">http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/</a>  | <p>For 5 and 7 year olds, this site has an area to help you to go onto the Internet in a safe way and to know to whom to talk if you are worried.</p>   |
|  | <p><a href="#">CBBC - Stay Safe</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/articles/stay-safe-facts">http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/articles/stay-safe-facts</a></p> | <p>CBBC's Stay Safe website invites children to join Dongle the rabbit in learning how to stay safe on the web. The site features a cartoon and quiz, along with a screensaver and wallpaper giving tips on safe surfing. Visitors to the site can also print out Dongle's factsheet reinforcing the SMART rules. The site links to the BBC ChatGuide website and to several of the organisations providing advice and support to young people, such as Think U Know, Kidsmart and NCH.</p>   |
|  | <p><a href="http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/">http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/</a></p>   | <p>This site has been created by ACMA - the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Cybersmart Kids Online provides information on 'smart net surfing for kids and their grownups'. The site gives general tips on staying safe online, using chat and mobile phones, and a quiz. Content in the main information sections is split into three user types - littlies, kids and young people - so pupils can be directed to relevant information depending on their age and/or level of understanding. A teachers' section provides lesson plans, homework help and links to good educational sites, many of which are UK based.</p>  |
|  | <p><a href="http://www.ikeepsafe.org">iKeepSafe.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.ikeepsafe.org">www.ikeepsafe.org</a></p>  | <p>iKeepSafe.org teaches the basic rules of e-safety to children and parents. The website uses an animated mascot, Faux Paw the Techno Cat, to teach children the importance of protecting personal information and avoiding unsuitable material on the internet. Children can learn how to safely navigate the internet through a virtual playground, Faux Paw's adventures in story books, an animated video download and educational games. Educational materials, including worksheets and tests, are also available for parents and teachers.</p>  |

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|  | <p><a href="http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/">http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew">http://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew</a></p> | <p>Childnet International's Kidsmart website has a section for young people under the age of 11, dealing with mobiles, surfing, chat and file-sharing. The site also includes games, competitions and a gallery of young people's artwork on how to stay safe online. The website reinforces the SMART rules and has additional sections for teachers, children and parents.</p>  |
|  | <p>Hector's World</p> <p><a href="http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/57/hectorsworld/">http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/57/hectorsworld/</a></p>  | <p>Hector's World™ has been created by the New Zealand charity Hector's World Ltd. (HWL), a subsidiary of New Zealand's online safety group NetSafe.</p> <p>Hector's World offers an engaging group of animated characters, aimed at children from 2-10 years of age. The adventures of these characters can be the 'building blocks' of cybercitizenship education, especially when viewed and discussed with the guidance of a teacher or parent.</p> |

## Reporting

It is imperative that any illegal or suspicious contact with a child on the Internet is reported to the police immediately. You will find help and advice at the child exploitation and online protection centre: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)