



Online Safety Newsletter

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What are the risks of my child using these apps?

We all know that there are many benefits from being online. However, all these apps allow children to share personal information with others, as well as cyberbullying and grooming opportunities.

Reporting

Your child should be familiar with reporting any concerning behaviour whilst online. They should know CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) is the online police that can support them.

Useful Information

If your child is too young there are other safe alternatives for social media platforms, which are age appropriate. Please visit, Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>

Creating Strong Passwords

We create passwords for everything today. It is vital that the children understand the importance of passwords and that they should not be shared with others. Just like they wouldn't share their toothbrush with others! You can visit this website



https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=NetAware&utm_medium=redirect&utm_campaign=hu to help you create strong passwords.

Top Tips

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about how to stay safe when online. It is important that they understand not to share personal information and that there is no such thing as an online friend.

- Make sure you check your privacy settings on all your devices
- Make sure your child is using their device in an open space e.g. in your kitchen
- Make sure you have access to their passwords
- Make sure you are fully aware of what they are doing when using the computing
- Make sure you have looked into some or all of the apps mentioned in this newsletter
- Make sure you have a family agreement
- Make sure there is a time limit in place for your child to use a device
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Our Digital Leaders 2021-2022

Our Digital Leaders have just been appointed and are very keen to get started with their important role. Here are some quotes from them:

“Being a Digital Leader is important to me because I can help others stay safe when using the internet.”

“Being a Digital Leader is important to me because I want to share my passion with others.”

“Being a Digital Leader is important to me because I get to help Osidge School improve.”

“Being a Digital Leader is important to me because I want to improve my computing skills and others. Also, I'd like to share what I know with others.

Remember the more you know- the better!