



Online Safety at Camestone School

At Camestone School, we work with staff, pupils and parents/carers on a regular basis to help create and inform a school community which values the use of new technologies in enhancing learning, encourages responsible use of Computing, and follows agreed policies to minimise potential online safety risks.

We take several steps to ensure that children are kept safe while using the internet and electronic communication.

- We use targeted filtering to prevent access to websites that are not suitable or may be dangerous.
- Internet access is supervised and we monitor the websites that are accessed using approved search engines as swiggle.org.uk and primaryschoolict.com
- Children are also taught how to use the technology safely so that they can keep themselves safe and are regularly reminded of their roles and responsibilities in keeping themselves and others safe at home and at school.

On Tuesday 5th February 2019, Safer Internet Day 2019 was promoted globally with the slogan "Together for a better internet". More than a thousand organisations across the UK got involved to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

As part of our learning, the children of KS2 were surveyed as to their online habits away from school. This data will be used for research purposes only and no personal information was asked for or given by the children when answering in confidence.

Based upon the information gleaned, we would like to offer parents the following information in order for them to help protect their children in the use of the internet in a non-school environment.

We appreciate parents can have a difficult job keeping up with their children on the fast changing technology available to them, let alone knowing the dangers they face. The issues of safety, privacy, online predators or grooming and cyberbullying are sometimes complex, both technically and psychologically and parents can struggle to keep up.

To help parents we have put together a selection of links to websites that will help them to ensure that their children can reap the benefits of the Internet while staying safe.

Below are examples of website and resources which can support children at school and at home with online safety.

Here are some other useful links for you to use at home.

Safer Internet Website - www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019

NSPCC - www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/ - This website contains links to many resources about all aspects of child safety, including online safety.

Net Aware - www.net-aware.org.uk/ - This useful website tells you everything you need to know about social media and the available apps that your child might be accessing, such as Fortnite and Roblox, and is regularly updated as new information becomes available.

Think You Know - www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ - A website for parents with useful FAQs about many aspects of safety online. It also has plenty of downloadable free resources and presentations on internet safety. It caters for children as young as five.

CEOP - www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ - This is the special unit of the police dedicated to cyberspace and has useful information and contacts if you have concerns about child safety online.

Internet Watch Foundation - www.iwf.org.uk - The only organisation in the UK that provides an internet hotline for the public to report websites with potentially illegal content, it also features useful tips on internet safety, filters and links to other helpful organisations.

Childnet International - www.childnet.com - This is a non-profit organisation working with other organisations around the world to ensure the internet is a safe place for children. The website contains lots of information and resources for parents, teachers and children.

Connect Safely - www.connectsafely.org/ - This site has lots of useful guides that can be downloaded with tips and advice on matters such as cyber-bullying, sexting and online shopping. It also provides parent guides on popular apps such as Snapchat and Instagram.

When used safely and responsibly, the use of the internet and connected devices can open up a whole world of wonder for our children. However, it is an ever-changing environment where their safety has to be paramount at all times.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child and their use of technology, then please feel free to discuss it with your class teacher. Alternatively, I am here to help answer any issues that you come across when your child uses technology in a non-school situation.

Best wishes

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