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E-Safety @Duncombe School

The internet – an inspiring and positive place

At Duncombe we are fortunate enough to incorporate technology/internet into a variety of learning contexts and consider e-safety within all areas. In a high pace and ever-changing digital world, we want to ensure that e-safety is considered at home; this document contains useful websites and information to make sure that the internet is a safe environment for children.

We are aware that children of all ages will have access to the internet at home and on a range of devices; the internet is an amazing resource, which enables children to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. Childnet have grouped potential online risks into 4 categories: conduct, content, contact and commercialism – detailed information can be found in their leaflet: www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion. Why not use these conversation starters to get the ball rolling?

Conversation starter ideas:

1. Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
2. 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?
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

Useful websites:

www.childnet.com	Resources and information to help make the internet a safe place for children.
www.saferinternet.org.uk	The UK Safer Internet Centre, where you can find esafety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.
www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety	Helpful advice and tools you can use to help keep your child safe whenever and wherever they go online – particularly informative videos – Share Aware.
www.thinkuknow.com	A wide range of resources for use with parents and children.
www.net-aware.org.uk	Your guide to the social networks children use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world.
www.ceop.police.uk	Information on how and when to report to a CEOP Child Protection Advisor.

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