

The Robert Drake Primary School

Online Safety Update - October Newsletter 2022

Welcome to the first Online Safety Newsletter. Each newsletter will include information about what the pupils have been learning and examples of their work. There will also be updates and advice about apps and parental controls.

It has been lovely to walk around the school and speak to pupils about their learning and they have demonstrated great maturity when talking about online safety. I was particularly proud of a group of pupils who, at every opportunity, have come up and spoken to me about the SMART rules and how they keep themselves safe when online.

I recently looked through an Ofcom report about children and parents' media use and their attitudes towards it. I wanted to share the following statistic with you which I found to be concerning and thought provoking:

By the age of 11, 1 in 3 children have seen something online that has worried or upset them.

The staff discuss different strategies with the pupils about how to address worrying and upsetting content, including speaking to an adult. I have included some helpful links below on how to set up parental controls.

You can also find out information by visiting the Online Safety page on the school website:

<https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/e-safety>

Regards

Mr Chaplin

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the Internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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A Focus On....

Early Years



The pupils in Early Years have recently made their first visit to the computer suite. While they were in there, they used the computers for the first time and got to practise using a mouse and keyboard. In the picture, Mrs Beck is working with Marnie to develop her mouse control.

Year 1 and Year 2



In Year 1 and 2, the pupils have been creating posters about online safety and the SMART rules. Well done to Sophie for creating this poster!

Year 3 and Year 4

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We are Rule Writers

Key Learning: If you send messages online there are different strategies to help you.


Our Class Rules


1. Don't scam
2. Never give out personal details.
3. Do not HACK!

You get an e-mail from your friend.
The message is about going out after school.
There is an attachment, but your friend didn't say anything about sending you an attachment in the message.

  What should you do?

Ignore the attachment and ask your friend about the attachment.

 You are trying to find some pictures of big cats like lions and tigers. By accident, you find some images or videos that surprise you and make you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed.

 What should you do?

Tell an adult and stop watching.

The pupils in Year 3 and 4 have written their own rules for being safe online and looked at some different scenarios. Well done to Harriet for these rules and pieces of advice!

Year 5 and 6

Monday 12th Sept

E - Safety

S Stay Safe
M don't meet up
A Accepting files
R Reliable
T Tell someone

KL: The CEOP button is a way to report directly to the police.

If somebody wants to meet up online I would press the CEOP button.

If I got a virus Turn off the device and tell my parents

By Grace Imbison

In Years 5 and 6, the pupils have been learning about the CEOP button and how to report content that might upset them. Well done to Grace for this piece of work.

You can find out more about the CEOP button by visiting:

[CEOP](#)

Parental Controls



Did you know?

- *More than nine in ten parents of 5-15s who use parental control software consider it useful*
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Ofcom

Internet Matters provide lots of information on how to set up parental controls on your child's device:

[Click Here](#)

They also provide a useful checklist:

Set Up **Safe**

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

internet matters.org

We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.

Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.



Get started



Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't



For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely



Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally



Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe



If your children are 8-10 years old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.



Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online



If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know

You can also speak to your internet provider:

[Sky](#)

[Virgin Media](#)

[BT](#)

An overview of other companies can be found by clicking [here](#).

Common Sense Media

Unsure if a movie, app or game is suitable for your child? Have a look at [Common Sense Media](#)

Common Sense Media provides information about a range of different media. They also include parent and child reviews and suggested age ratings. You are able to view three different types of media for free.

Age Ratings

Did you know...

Most social media platforms (e.g. TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram) state their age rating as 13+. This is because US data laws dictate that below this age, children must have a parent's or guardian's permission to sign up.

You can find more about age ratings by visiting: [Parent Zone](#)

Digiduck

The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a short story aimed at children between 3 and 7. The story follows the adventures of Digiduck and focuses different areas of online safety.

[Digiduck and the Magic Castle](#)
