# Online Safety Newsletter December 2022

I hope you are all well.

This is my December issue for the year for online safety.

Just a reminder: Internet Safety Day will take place on February 7th 2023.



https://saferinternet.org.uk/

At Charlton, the children are taught the SMART targets which can be seen on the poster below:



The Digital Leaders have been very busy this term. They have created a script for their first online safety video. The video will focus on the 'S' segment of the 'SMART targets' for online safety. They will talk about how to keep themselves and their information safe online and suggest ways in which they can help their peers remember the safety rules.

The Digital Leaders distributed the online safety scenarios to each year group.

The scenario was:

'I received an email that said I have won £10,000 what should I do?'

Here's what some of our children said:

'No do not click it, it is a scam and block the number or person.'

'You do not click it, because there are thousands of scammers in the world and the only way you win that money is by working'

'No because it's probably spam (scammers)and if you don't have virus protection then its even worse.'

Quick information about algorithms:

Algorithms change depending on what we are looking at online. When using social media platforms they can predict what each person is most likely to enjoy viewing and this encourages people to stay online for longer. Be mindful of the cookies that you accept online and ensure that your child is careful on what they are watching/viewing online as this will affect the algorithm and therefore could lead to the children seeing inappropriate content.

Young children online

If you have young children that often use electronic devices, please ensure that you have these set up with age-appropriate parental controls. Please ensure that the access is restricted to apps that are safe

for young children. Please ask your child to only use the devices around you.

==Did you know?==

Tools like **Google Family Link** for Android devices, or **Screen Time** for Apple iOS devices can help: you can set up controls around screen time limits, bed time, and restrict installation of apps.

(https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/e-safety-facts/ )

**Remember:**

**Please monitor your children's internet use at all times when they are using devices**.

==What to do if you need to report harmful content?==

https://reportharmfulcontent.com/harmful-content-online-an-explainer/

Even though we use filters and parental controls, things still slip past the algorithms and may cause your child to be distressed or made to feel uncomfortable. It is vital that you report harmful content as this could save another child being subject to seeing or hearing inappropriate things online.

Please use the Report Harmful Content on the internet so that we can keep all families safe.



==Safe search engines you can use at home!==

- 1- Kidtopia.
- 2- Kid's Search Engine.
- 3- Kiddle.
- 4- DuckDuckGo.
- 5- GoGooligans.
- 6- KidRex.
- 7- Safe Search Kids.
- 8- KidzSearch.
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==Helpful video and guidance to online safety for parents/carers.==

https://youtu.be/nQ7TYRYoF4M

==Helpful websites for you:==

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/

https://www.childnet.com/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

==Save the date!==

**Safer Internet Day 2023** which will take place on **Tuesday, 7 February 2023**.

If you have any questions or need any advice about internet safety. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes Mrs Morton.