

Online Safety

Newsletter

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I hope you are all well.

This is my second newsletter for the year for online safety.

Just a reminder:

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



This month we will be discussing apps that allow users to take and post photographs. Being safe online can vary for every family, however I do have some top tips for grown-ups who may be worried about keeping their children and family safe whilst using apps.

Instagram and Facebook is a place for users to upload and post pictures and to use lots of its other features such as it's live broadcasting.

To use and create an account for the app you must ensure that you are 13 and above. Please be aware that members of the online world may create fake profiles.

As soon as you set up an account your profile is set as public which means that anybody can see your posts and pictures. If you are worried about the public feature, you can set the profile to private via settings.

REMEMBER: Even if the account is private, members of the public can see your information at the top of the page (bio). This is why it is important to not share personal information at the top of the bio or include a display photo that includes a picture that you do not mind other people seeing. It would be good to use an avatar- if you are at all worried.

Please ensure that you are having open conversations about a digital footprint. As once a photo is published or shared, it has contributed towards a Digital Footprint.

What is a Digital Footprint?

When using the internet you will always leave a trail of information which is called a 'Digital Footprint'.

This can grow in many ways such as posting on Instagram or Facebook. Sometimes its not well-known that you are contributing to the Digital Footprint. Websites and apps can track your activity and use cookies to collect data. If you allow an organization to receive your information they can share or sell your data to other parties.

Did you know?

'1.72 trillion photos are taken worldwide every year, which equals 54,400 per second, or 4.7 billion per day. By 2030, around 2.3 trillion photos will be taken every year. By 2025, more than 2

trillion photos will be taken each year.

<https://photutorial.com/photos-statistics/>

Did you know?

On average 973 photos are posted online by a child's fifth birthday, equating to an average of 195 photos shared by parents every year.

<https://www.nominet.uk/todays-children-will-feature-in-almost-1000-online-photos-by-the-time-they-reach-age-five/#:~:text=m%2Dp%2F299172%23M28102-.Today's%20children%20will%20feature%20in%20almost%201%2C000%20online%20photos,time%20they%20reach%20age%20five&text=On%20average%20973%20photos%20are,shared%20by%20parents%20every%20year.>

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.



My child is using a new app and I don't know if it is appropriate.

If you need any advice about apps:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/> Please visit this website that has useful information about what the apps are and what they are used for.

How do I check whether the app is age-appropriate?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/app-age-rating/> Please use this website to decipher whether the app your child is using is age-appropriate.

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.