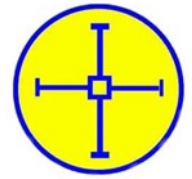# Safeguarding Newsletter

Spring 2017 edition

On-line Safety update

Thank you to all the parents that attended the online parent workshops. We hope you found them informative and gained some useful tips. We are living in an ever changing technological age and it is important that we work together to educate our children and ensure their safety when online.

The children have really enjoyed working on the 'Code of Conduct' which they have thought really carefully about, to ensure the code is one that can be applied not just at school, but at home too. The code that has been finally agreed by our children and staff is:

1. Things you see online, aren't always true. Don't let people trick you.

2. Don't talk to strangers. Remember the dangers.

3. Be careful what you share, as it will always be there. Keep things private!

4. If something doesn't feel right, and someone's being unkind, tell someone you trust, and get it out of your mind.

5. Don't play on a game, that's not the right age for you, you might see something you don't like then what are you going to do........

TELL!

Please support your child with the competition to design a creative way to advertise this code. Look out for the competition flyer which contains all the details.

Online safety- Top Tips

1. Know the age restrictions, they will help to ensure your child's safety.

2. Talk to your child about what they've been playing on, any uncertainties you can always check out using the websites below.

3. Stay positive! A strange, but great tip that is always mentioned with online safety. Staying open and honest means that trust can be built up, so if there is anything potentially dangerous, your child knows they can come to you.

Websites that can help

www.internetmatters.org: Great website that provides lots of advice and guides for making your child's internet usage safer.

www.childnet.com : Offers advice and tips about e-safety.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety: Offers advice and tips, along with how to set up parental controls on lots of different electronic devices.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents: Quick, easy to use and full of advice on different topics, including how to talk to children about different issues.

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre: To make a report about concerns or to find out whether you should make a report, visit this website.

www.net-aware.org.uk: Allows you to quickly search to find out about the app, website or programme your child is using.

All Saints C of E: Online safety

Did you know?

81% of mothers have uploaded an image of their child under 2 to social media sites

79% of 7-11 year-olds said they would tell their parent or carer if something worried them online.

Childnet, Have your Say (2013)

Checklist

☑ **Put yourself in control**
Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

☑ **Search safely**
Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

☑ **Agree boundries**
Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

☑ **Explore together**
The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Put the family computer in a communal area so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

☑ **Check if it's suitable**
The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Taken from internetmatters.org

New apps

We are constantly being updated with information on new apps and games.

We have recently been informed about the new game 'Robloxs' which is proving to be very popular with young children. The game works in the same way as Minecraft where children can create imaginary worlds and characters.

Although this game is aimed at children, it has the facility to play live online and link up with other players. It has been reported that some children have received inappropriate messages from adults. There have also been instances of adult content adverts popping up during games.

Please be aware that any games which enable your child to link up with others online, have potential dangers. Ensure that you supervise your child when playing these games and install any necessary parental controls.

Age restrictions for social media platforms– reminder

AGE 13– Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pintrest, Google +, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, Secret

AGE 14– LinkedIn   AGE 16—WhatsApp AGE 17—Vine, Tinder, Age 18—Path

AGE 18/13 WITH PARENTS PERMISSION—Youtube, Keek, Foursquare, WeChat, Kik, Flickr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 09/2014