

Slinfold CE Primary School

E-safety at school and in the home

What we do in school to educate about e-safety

- Internet only used under staff supervision.
- Surfprotect filter provided by our Internet provider Exa Networks. The filter can be adjusted to allow or ban specific websites.
- Specific e-safety education tailored to age of children includes the following topics:
 - Tell someone if something worries you
 - Online friends may not be who they say they are
 - Never arrange to meet an online friend
 - Keeping personal information private
 - Consequences of sharing too much online
 - Respectful online communication
 - Dealing with unsolicited emails
 - Critical evaluation of online content
 - Making strong passwords
 - Copyright/plagiarism?
- Safeguarding is extremely important to us so we will always investigate any concerns raised by children, staff or parents regarding use of technologies.

What you can do outside school to help keep your children safe

Some ideas. Adjust to the age of your child.

- Supervise and monitor
- Keep communications channels open so they feel able to tell you of any concerns. Make use of 'teachable moments'.
- Agree a family set of rules.
- Keep a family email address specially to use when registering for sites that require one.
- Have a rule that children ask you before downloading anything or setting up online accounts.
- Filter and block (either via your ISP or on the computer/phone/tablet)
- For older children on social networking sites follow the rules about age limits, help your child set privacy settings and be on there yourself.
- Limit use of technologies. E.g. No phones and tablets in the bedroom.
- Remind children frequently of the rules
- Teach how to search effectively.
- Teach and model how to assess content and reliability.
- Encourage children to be critical of what they see and read.
- Mobile phones & tablets – consider what to buy and when/where it can be used. Do they really need a smartphone? Set a pin on phones and tablets to protect from unauthorised use.

- Turn off location settings on phones and tablets to protect privacy. This prevents pictures being tagged with a location.
- Set a good example with your own use of technology!
- Keep your own password/PINs private. It sounds obvious but we have experienced a situation in the past where a child used a parent's business email to send an inappropriate message to all the contacts in the address book!

UK Safer Internet Centre

Useful guidance for parents and carers including:

- Safety tools on social networks and online services
- What are the issues?
- Having conversations with your children about online safety
- Parental controls offered by your home internet provider
- Parents guide to technology - Advice about smartphones, gaming devices, tablets and other internet-connected devices

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

NSPCC Share Aware

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/share-aware/>

E-safety Adviser newsletters

<http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

These excellent newsletters are published regularly and are free to read online. Updates about latest issues and popular websites and trends among young people. Particularly useful as your child moves into the secondary stage.

Keeping your own personal passwords secure

Use a password vault program to store passwords securely. One reliable one is KeePass <http://keepass.info/> (available as a free Windows program or tablet/phone app). One master password opens the program/app and you can set up different complex passwords for each site and use drag and drop when logging in.) All you need to remember is the main password.

Other useful websites

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ Games and learning resources for children of different ages.
- www.childnet.com Resources for parents and children
- www.iwf.org.uk Internet Watch Foundation (should you need to report illegal content)