

Hoyland Springwood Primary School



eSafety: A Guide for Parents & Carers





What is eSafety?

eSafety is all about being safe when using computers, laptops, mobile phones and other technology and when using the Internet. In today's world, this affects all of us. As a school we are committed to supporting children to use technology safely and effectively, and to work with parents to ensure that these safe practices are followed at home.

Designated Staff and Governors

Responsibility for promoting eSafety lies with **Mrs Katherine Clark** (Headteacher). If you have any concerns regarding eSafety, please contact Mrs Clark in the first instance.

Promoting eSafety in School

eSafety is promoted in school in a range of ways. eSafety assemblies are held regularly for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. Class teachers follow this up in class. The school's PSHCE curriculum provides specific opportunities for reinforcing eSafety messages. We also take part in February each year in Safer Internet Day activities.

Parents are invited to attend awareness raising workshops and information is sent home for parents providing guidance on safe use of computers and the Internet at home.

Training for Staff

School staff undertake regular eSafety training to ensure that they are aware of best practice guidance and can support pupils to follow this.

eBehaviour Agreements

All pupils, staff and volunteers have been asked to sign up to eBehaviour Agreements which set out important rules and guidelines for safe use of technology including the Internet.

What can I do as a Parent?

The following two pages contain a parental checklist provided by CEOP which suggests some ways in which you, as a parent, can help to safeguard your child when he/she is using technology and the Internet. In addition to this, please take the time to attend one of the parental awareness raising sessions run by school to find out more. If you need support or advice on any of the issues raised in this leaflet, please ask to speak to Mrs Stokoe.

Parental Checklist

- **I have asked my child to show me sites they use** – By doing so, your child is including you in their online life and social activity. Show an interest and take note of the names of their favourite sites. You can then re-visit these when you are alone. Take your time and explore the space, find out how to set the safety features and learn how to report any issues directly to the site.
- **I have asked my child to set their profile settings to private** – Social networking sites, such as Facebook, are used by children to share information, photos and just about everything they do! Encourage your child to set their privacy settings to private. They need to think about the information they post online as it could be copied and pasted anywhere, without their permission. If it got into the wrong hands, somebody may wish to use it against them or worst of all try to locate them in the real world.
- **I have asked my child about their online friends** – We know that people lie online about who they are and may create fake identities. It is very important children understand this. Whether they are visiting a social network or a gaming site, the safety messages are the same. Children and young people must never give out personal information and only be “friends” with people they know and trust in the real world.
- **I have set appropriate parental controls on my child's computer, mobile and games console** – Filters on computers and mobiles can prevent your child from viewing inappropriate and possibly illegal content. You can activate and change levels depending on your child's age and abilities. You can also set time restrictions for using the internet or games. They can be free and easy to install. Call your service provider who will be happy to assist or visit CEOP's parents' site for further information. Explain to your child why you are setting parental controls when you talk to them about their internet use.
- **My child has agreed to tell me if they are worried about something online** – Sometimes children get into situations online where they don't feel comfortable or see something they don't want to see. By opening up the communication channels and talking to your child about the internet, their favourite sites and the risks they may encounter, they are more likely to turn to you if they are concerned about something.

- **I know where to get help if I'm concerned about my child** – The CEOP Safety Centre provides access to a range of services. If you are concerned that an adult has made inappropriate contact with your child you can report this directly to CEOP. You can also find help if you think your child is being bullied, or if you've come across something on the internet which you think may be illegal.

The 'Click CEOP' button can be found on many webpages and social networking sites. This can be used to report concerns relating to safety online.



Useful Websites

You may find the following websites useful:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe>

<http://www.safeguardingchildrenbarnsley.com/>

http://www.kent.gov.uk/childrens_social_services/protecting_children/e-safety.aspx