

Horsington Church School



"That they may have life, Life in all its fullne: John 10:10

Keeping your children safe online - Information for Parents

This guidance is to support you to keep your children safe online. This is especially important for you in the current situation where children are accessing their learning online and using technology as a form of socialising and communication.

The most important thing you can do is talk to your children about what they do online and how they can stay safe.

You can also help to keep them safe online by having parental controls set up and monitoring what your children are accessing online.

Below are some links to useful resources to help you:

- To ensure that you have parental controls set up on the devices that your children are using,
- Give you information and advice about the sites and apps that your children are accessing
- To get help to report any concerns and remove any inappropriate content or material.
- Internet matters for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- London Grid for Learning for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- Net-aware for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- Parent info for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- Thinkuknow for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- UK Safer Internet Centre advice for parents and carers
- https://www.net-aware.org.uk/tips-and-advice/ tips and advice on how to talk to your children
- https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers Childnet have produced resources for 3-7 year olds and 7-11 year olds they are safe activities you can do from home with your children:
 - For 3-7 year olds Click HERE
 - For 7-11 year olds Click HERE

If your child does encounter something unsuitable, ask them to show you first rather than just shut it down. This means you know what the content is. We teach the children to minimise the page then show an adult. Contact the site provider to lodge a complaint. Several of the sites above also have reporting systems. Please let us know if something has made it onto one of our work sites.

Please contact <u>Judith.Ham@horsington.bwmat.org</u> or Mary.alexander@horsington.bwmat.org if you have any questions or need any further advice.