Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you to inform you of online safety and why this is so important, as well as how this can affect your child's wellbeing.

Internet safety is important because it can help your child to enjoy themselves on the the internet without putting themselves at risk. Some people may wonder why it is so crucial that we protect our personal information online but, keeping your personal data safe is essential while online, the more public information you post can make it easier for hackers. Do you want your child to be vulnerable and exposed to hackers or strangers.?

One in two children have experienced cyberbullying, so how can you protect your child? Fortunately, there are multiple solutions to keep your child safe while using the internet. Setting parental controls or times timers on your child's ipad or phone is a good way of setting limits, but distracting them with other activities such as colouring will improve their mental health and encourage learning and development.

Regarding my previous points, I therefore suggest sitting down with your child and conferring with them. For further advice visit internetmatters.org/controls.

Yours Faithfully

Piper Smith

Dear Parents/Guardians,

E-safety is an important part of keeping children safe online. At Meole Brace Primary School, we have security measures in place. These are constantly monitored to help safeguard pupils from any potential dangers.

We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you to ensure the e-safety message is consistent. Another way to ensure safety, is to never disclose your personal information.

Things you can do at home
- Set parental controls (time, usage, accessibility)
- Only allow access age appropiate games and apps
- Discuss as a family
- Be in a room with family when you play online games

Golden rules
1. Use a nickname, not your real name when online.
2. Keep your personal information safe, share with only people you know.
3. Use websites that are sutible for your age and remember that you are still talking to strangers.
4. Be nice to others online, in a way you would expect other people to be nice to you.
5. Tell an adult if you see or hear somthing that you think is not right.

Online spending is the second-most common harm among 11-13s, increasing with age. An alarming fact about deivces is they emit a "blue light, which stimulated; resulting in poor sleep. Remember that parental tools are not always 100% effective and sometimes, unsutible content can "get past" them.

Websites for more information:

WWW.thinkuknow.co.uk - Visit the "Parent/Care Section and use the "Click CEOP" Button to seek advice

WWW.childnet.com - Visit the "Know it all" Section for an interactive guide about online safety

Yours Faithfully,

Olivia Steele

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe online. At Meole Brace Primary School, we have security measures in place and we advise you to proceed in the same way. These are constantly monitored to help safeguard pupils from any potential dangers. We have recently had a day explaining how online safety works and how to use it.

Our school can only be successful in keeping children safe on the internet if we work with you to ensure the e-Safety message is consistent. You might want to express the importance of keeping safe online to your children so they can be aware of the dangers on devices. Initially, you may think that children are safe online; they are not. The amount of children in the UK that do not tell their parents what they are doing online is increasing rapidly. We must prevent this, do you not want the children to be safe?

Things you can do at home:

. Set parental controls (times, usage, accessibility)
. Only allow age appropriate games and videos
. Discuss as a family
. Be in a room with family when you play online
. Ensure your child knows how to block people
. Install antivirus software

To conclude, we hope this letter has been useful and that you will install apps that meet age requirements.
Here are some websites that will give you more information on the subject:
WWW.getsafeonline.org - Free up-to-date security advice, age specific advice
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/- Excellent advice about internet safety

Yours faithfully,

Golden Rules

1. Use a nickname, not your real name.

2. Keep your personal information safe

3. Use age-suitable websites when online

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear parents / guardians

I am writing to inform you about the importance of internet safety. Internet safety is a crucial part of keeping children safe online. At Meole Brace Primary school, we have security measures in place. An example of this is the fact that some sites if searched up on the computer are inaccessable due to innapropriate content.

The only way we can succeed at being safe online is if you - the carer - teach the child the importance of online safety. You need to inform your child how to behave appropriatley online, you also need to show them what they can and can't watch/play. If a child asks to play/watch a film/game you have no knowledge of, you must look it up and ensure it's appropriate.

Children are being exposed to a greater amount of content than you ever where were in your childhood. Remember that apps like youtube and facebook have an age limit of thirteen. They do this for a reason. If you choose to allow your children to have these accounts, you must discuss what boundaries you expect.

What can you do to ensure your child's safety online?

• Install antivirus software, secure your internet connection and use parental controls for your children's devices

• Discuss as a family how the internet will be used in your house. Consider what should be kept private online (Personal information, photos, etc.) and decide rules for making and meeting friends online.

Websites for more information
WWW. Thinkuknow. co. UK
WWW. Childnet. com

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Wednesday 7th February

Dear parents / carers,

I am writing to you today to discuss the matter of children's online safety. It is very important to keep on top of your child's (children's) online safety as if they see content they are not meant to it can leave them feeling worried.

On average, children eight - twelve have four - six hours a day screen time despite the fact they should have a maxium of 2 hours a day. It is important to limit your child's (children's) screen time as otherwise it can lead to a loss in concentrasion, you can do this by setting parental controls. 69% of parents worry about there child (children) having to much screen time. Are you one of them?

93% of eleven - thirteen use social media apps/sites so it is important you supervise them and make sure they do not share any personal information. Make

sure your child (children) keep ~~there~~ their passwords to
themself and only share them with you. Make sure
when creating a password, they do not use their
name, birthday or the word 'password'.

64% of parents of eleven - thirteen year olds worry
about their child (children) viewing violent content online.
To tackle this you could talk to your child (children)
about what content they should be viewing online or
you could set parental controls.

Most popular social media platforms are 13+, including:
facebook, instagram, tiktok, snapchat and x (formerly
twitter). Also youtube is rated 13+. Did you know, whatsapp
is rated 16+ in the UK? You may consider putting parental
controls on these apps to keep your child (children) safe.

In conclusion, it is important to set parental controls
on your child's (children's) device (devices). Make sure
you supervise when they are using social media.
For more information on this topic go to
'internetmatters.org'.

Yours faithfully,
Jacob Pearson.