



Online Safety Newsletter:

Autumn Term 2020 part 2

Online Safety at Christmas

This year has been very different and has many challenges in all areas of life. Although this Christmas is also going to be different to a 'normal' Christmas, we will undoubtedly rely on tech for entertainment. Whether it be streaming films or TV on Netflix, using voice activated gadgets or keep in touch with friends and family there are always pitfalls to be considered along with the joy of using a new gadget.

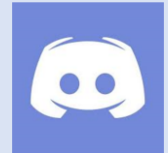
There is a new section in the Online Safety section of the school website called **National Online Safety** where there are new guides with lots of information that parents should know, these include **What parents & carers need to know about TikTok** and **What parents & carers need to know about Amazon Alexa** and many more. More guides will be added to this section over the coming months, if you have any requests for a specific guide please email Mrs McLean at h.mclean@archbishoptemple.com.

Staying Safe Online

It has been reported that Sexting messages including images and text have dramatically increased during the pandemic. *"Data from safeguarding app [SafeToNet](#) found that 'sexts' typed out by children in the UK rose 183% during lockdown – with a 55% rise in inappropriate messages drafted during normal school hours."*

It is our goal here at Archbishop Temple School to create resilient users of technology, to do this we need to provide them with all the information they need to not only stay safe online, but also to be able to know what to do if things go wrong.

Talking to children about issues and what they do online is key to helping to keep them safe, especially when they are being gifted new mobile technology. It is a very worrying statistic that children are increasingly involved in taking and sharing inappropriate images of themselves. This is not only illegal but can lead to the ultimate consequence of one of these images out there on the Internet. Reminding young people about the consequence of actions could help prevent this from happening in the first place.



Discord (Age 12+)

Apple rate Discord – as 12+ and Google Play rate Discord as Teen.

The Apple and Paly stores description of this App as being 'a place to talk'.

Discord is the only cross-platform voice and text chat app designed specifically for gamers.

With the IOS app users can stay connected to all Discord voice and text channels even when AFK (Away From Keyboard).

Discord provides anonymity and privacy for communications, this does mean that it is vulnerable to the users who may use it for hostile or predatory behaviour and abuse whilst in chats.

Further info in the Online Safety section of the TAS website.

There are a number of websites to help report issues when things go wrong and images are shared amongst children. The following are the 3 main sites to know about:

- **CEOP** – reporting sexual exploitation and abuse - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting>
- **IWF** – reporting photographic and non-photographic child sexual abuse images - <https://report.iwf.org.uk/en>
- **Report Harmful Content** – reporting any harmful content - <https://reportharmfulcontent.com>

Getting involved is the best thing you can do to have a perfect digital family Christmas. **ParentZone** have created a really helpful guide to help parents with the latest games your child will be playing, coding they will be learning, playlists they will be creating and much more have a look here for more info

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/digital->

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Safer Schools notifications

Make sure that you have your push notifications on in the Safer Schools App as they are sending out lots of Online Safety information to help staff, parents and carers navigate the online world this Christmas. There are lots of useful guides here too.

Safer Schools Blog

For up to date information of all things Online Safety go here <https://ineqe.com/blog/> to access the blog brought by Ineqe the company that deliver Safer Schools. There are lots of helpful articles and links to further information, especially if you haven't downloaded the Safer Schools App and would like a quick route to useful information to stay up to date with the latest online information.

Final Thoughts...

Do you allow your children to have their tech in their bedrooms?

Do you know what your children are doing on their tech?

Do you know what Apps they use regularly and with whom they are in contact with?

Please use this opportunity to talk to your children and find out the answers to the above questions. Better still only allow tech use in the general areas of the house, especially with the younger ones.

Further support

Mrs McLean is available via email at h.mclean@archbishoptemple.com for further help and advice should you require any assistance outside of school.