BEARWOOD
Primary and Nursery School

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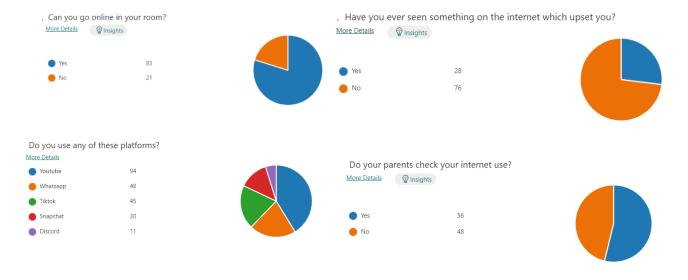**Acting Deputy Headteacher Mrs Natasha Guarguaglini**

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Online Safety Questionnaire

Dear Parents/Guardian,

From a young age, children have access to the online world including using social media. At Bearwood, we believe it is extremely important children not only learn to use technology as a tool but also know how they can keep safe. As a result, we have asked the children from Years 2 onwards to complete an online safety questionnaire to give them the opportunity to reflect on their own use of the internet and promote discussion. The questionnaire completed by the children will be used as a tool to identify how we can best support children to stay safe online and also allow both the school and parents/carers to have an insight into the children's own perception of online safety and current uses of social media. The data will act as a baseline allowing us to see the progression throughout the school years. Please find the results below as well as a summary of the findings:

Findings across all year groups:

. Can you go online in your room?
More Details   Insights

- Yes   83
- No   21

. Have you ever seen something on the internet which upset you?
More Details   Insights

- Yes   28
- No   76

Do you use any of these platforms?
More Details

- Youtube   94
- Whatsapp   48
- Tiktok   45
- Snapchat   30
- Discord   11

Do your parents check your internet use?
More Details   Insights

- Yes   56
- No   48

Do you ever speak to people you don't know on the internet? E.g. whilst gaming or on social media?

💡 Insights

- 🔵 Yes   32
- 🟠 No   72

. Do you know how to keep safe online?

💡 Insights

- 🔵 Yes   97
- 🟠 No   7

Online Safety Pupil Survey – Spring Term 2022

Questions:	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Do you have your own mobile phone?	Yes 33 %	Yes 43%	Yes 61%	Yes 70%	Yes 86%
Do you have a device of your own that can connect to the internet?	Yes 56%	Yes 74%	Yes 75%	Yes 84%	Yes 100%
Can you get online your room?	Yes 76 %	Yes 74%	Yes 79%	Yes 77%	Yes 91%
Do your parents check your internet use?	No 74%	No 48%	No 46%	No 33%	No 71%
Do you share messages over the internet or by phone with your friends?	Yes 46%	Yes 22%	Yes 46%	Yes 66%	Yes 96%
Do you ever speak to people you don't know on the internet? E.g. whilst gaming or on social media?	Yes 43%	Yes 18%	Yes 32%	Yes 66%	Yes 29%
Do you use any of these platforms?	YouTube – 76% Whatsapp – 12% Snapchat 12% TikTok – 12%	YouTube – 83% Whatsapp – 13% Snapchat 16% TikTok – 24%	YouTube – 100% Whatsapp – 46% Snapchat 42% TikTok – 50%	YouTube – 100% Whatsapp – 76% Snapchat 47% TikTok – 42%	YouTube – 96% Whatsapp – 78% Snapchat 56% TikTok – 60%
Are there any other platforms that you use?	Roblox	Facebook	Roblox	Roblox	Instagram Facebook Discord
Have you ever seen something on the internet which upset you?	Yes 56%	Yes 26%	Yes 28%	Yes 36%	Yes 19%
Have you ever received a nasty message by text or online?	Yes 20%	Yes 22%	Yes 21%	Yes 26%	Yes 29%
Do you know how to keep safe online?	Yes 79%	Yes 82%	Yes 93%	Yes 97%	Yes 100%

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Summary:
- An increasing number of children either have their own phone or device which they can access the internet from. Even from Year 2, over half the class have access to a device connected to the internet.
- A high percentage of each year group has access to the internet from within their own rooms and on average, over half the pupils who responded on the survey said their parents did not check their internet use.
- On average, over one third of the children responded saying they speak to people that they do not know. This may include online gaming or on social media.
- Around one fifth of responses indicate children have at some point received a nasty message online or by text and one third have seen something via the internet that they found upsetting; Year 2 responded with over half seeing something upsetting.
- Many children use social media such as TikTok and Snapchat despite it having a 13+ age rating. The age ratings are based on the data rules and policies that the companies need to comply with. Companies are prohibited from collecting and storing data for under 13s unless they have permission from parents/carers.

As new devices are produced and new online content is created, it is important we continue to stay aware of how we can best support the children in being safe online. Below are some useful links including setting up parental controls and understanding age guides.
Useful links:

Setting up Parental Controls on your Internet provider
https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider

Setting up Parental Controls on different devices
https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

Age guides for Social Media:
https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/

Advice by Age:
https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/

As a result of the questionnaire, each class will take part in regular online safety lessons which are part of our Computing and P.S.H.E curriculum. If you have any concerns or require additional information around your child's online safety, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Longland