



Care, Collaboration, Challenge

E Safety

At Springfield Primary Academy we aim to inspire our children with the use of computer technologies and value the Internet as a vital tool to support learning.

We are committed to delivering a technology rich curriculum in all areas and strive to educate our pupils to access these safely and identify potential risks.

To protect your children from unsuitable material we employ the use of Lightspeed Rocket, a filtered internet service. Only websites deemed appropriate by school will be granted access. Any inappropriate searches carried out, or attempts to access unsuitable websites will be blocked and an incident report emailed immediately to the e safety and safeguarding leads. A member of staff supervises Internet access during school hours.

Pupils are taught specifically about e safety as a key part of our computing curriculum including how to deal with cyber bullying, the validity of internet search results, how to avoid accessing inappropriate content, how to bookmark favourite pages, how to protect personal details and information, how to report abuse and how to use mobile technologies safely. We acknowledge Safer Internet Day annually and discuss e safety implications whenever hand held technology or computers are accessed, which is usually daily. Springfield Primary Academy takes all reasonable steps to minimise pupil access to unsuitable material and ensure our children know the correct procedures for reporting e safety incidents to staff.

Suggested websites for parents

The NSPCC website offers advice on how to set up parental controls for technologies including how to block specific users or websites, manage how much time your child is spending using technology, controlling in app purchases and content management for different family members using the same device.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Internet matters e safety app shows you how to use the app taking parent and child through a range of possible e safety scenarios, allowing you to talk to your child about the correct course of action to take.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/new-e-safety-app-for-parents-and-children/>

Thinkuknow provides fantastic parental guides for keeping children safe when using apps such as Whats app, Instagram and Youtube. There is an area for 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 year olds, which include fun animated videos and games to teach your child about e safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Kidsmart gives general e safety advice including a useful section on how to be a smart gamer, including xbox, playstation and online gaming. Always ensure you check the **age rating** of games purchased.

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk>

Saferinternet is a useful website with a section on social media and how to stay safe using Youtube. Did you know that YouTube is only intended for children **OVER 13**? We recommend that parents stay close by if younger children are allowed to use. There is a youtube kids app available for ipads and tablets.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

Parentzone offers parental guides on various well known hand held device apps including snapchat, intagram, Musical.lyetc... You can also find a list of family friendly apps for tablets and information on setting parental controls for apps like Netflix.

<https://parentzone.org.uk>