E-Safety for Parents and Carers

*Look at how children use the internet

*Raise awareness of eSafety issues

*Offer guidance on how to help keep children safe online

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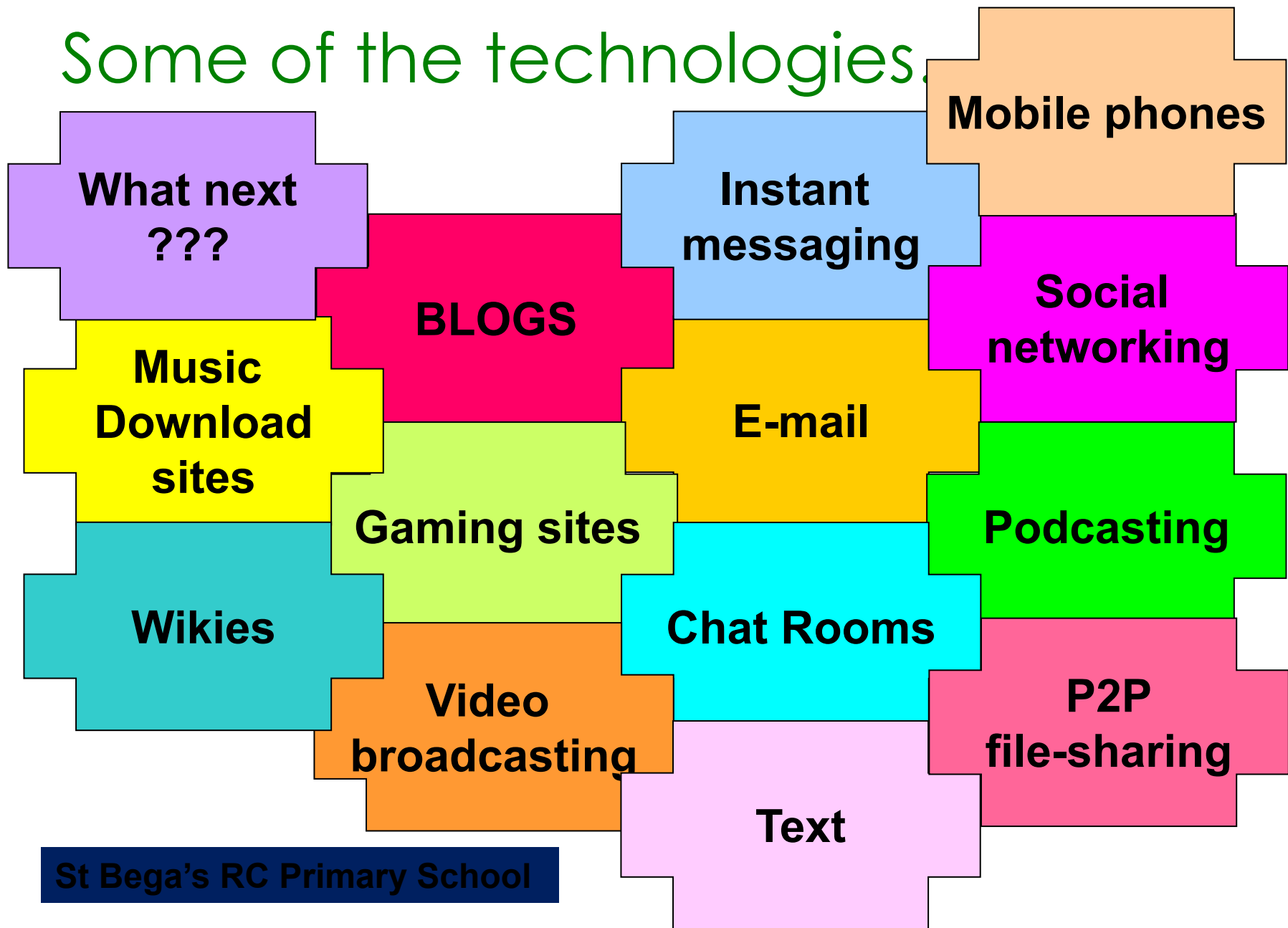# Benefits of technology for children:

- fun

- educational

- can help raise standards

- helps build creativity

- enables communication with friends and family

"70% of parents feel that their children know more about the internet than they do"
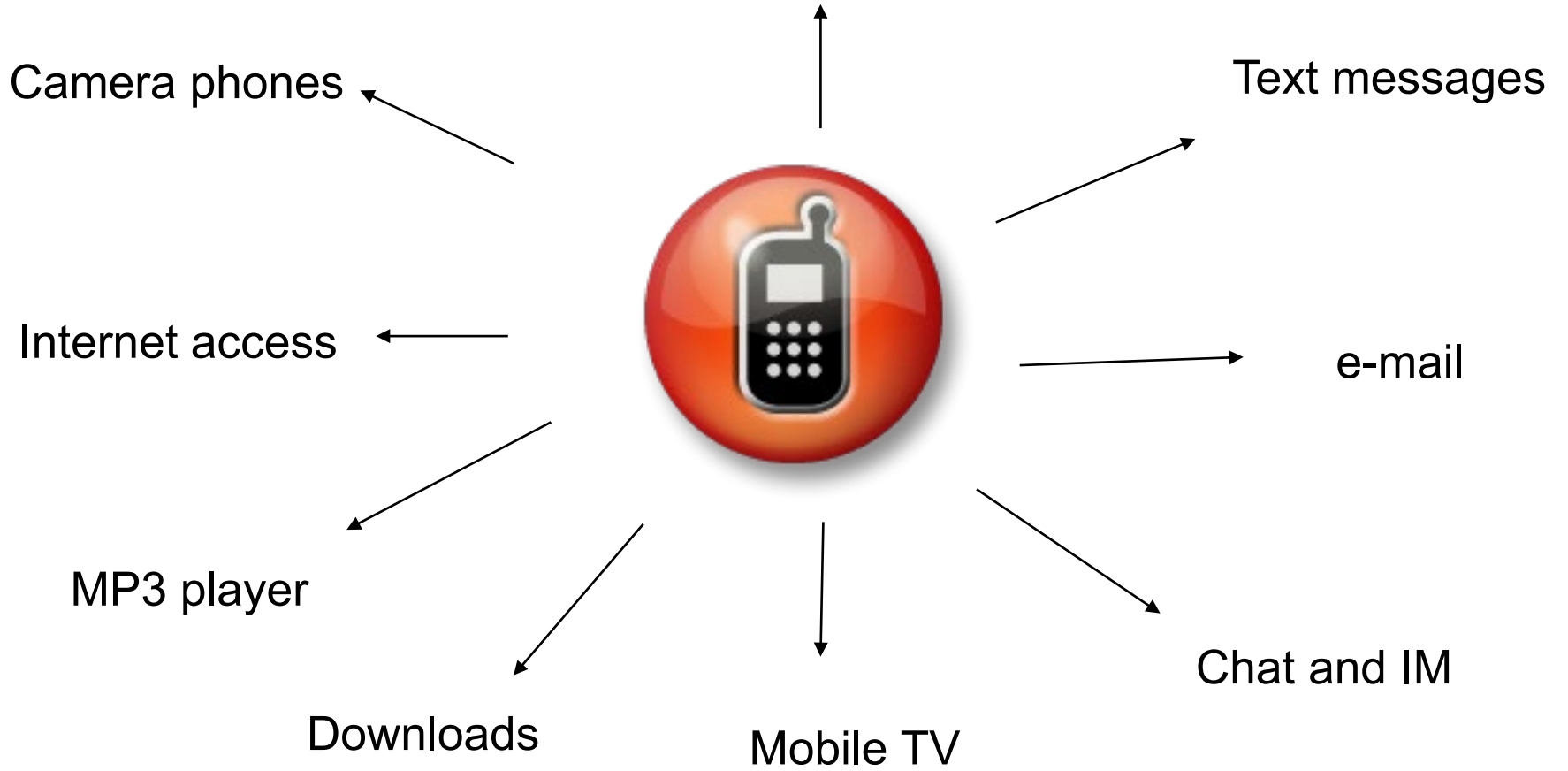
(Ofcom Media Literacy 2011)

Some of the technologies...

What next ???

Mobile phones

Instant messaging

BLOGS

Social networking

Music Download sites

E-mail

Gaming sites

Podcasting

Wikies

Chat Rooms

Video broadcasting

P2P file-sharing

Text

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Anytime ⇔ Anywhere

Camera phones

Text messages

Internet access

e-mail

MP3 player

Chat and IM

Downloads

Mobile TV

Risks

- Children make online 'friends' and chat to people who are unknown who may pose a risk to them

- Children may upload or view inappropriate material

- Sharing files can lead to spyware, identify theft and greater vulnerability to viruses.

- Risk of cyber bullying

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School approach to E-safety

Safe: keeping personal information safe

Meeting: online friends are strangers

Accepting: be aware of viruses

Reliable: information may be untrue

Tell: inform an adult
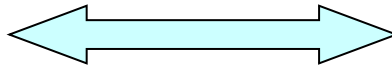
School ⬌ Home

- Supervised
- Monitored
- Filtered
- Curriculum

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Rise of smartphone and ipad

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Access to technology

Where?

- Internet agreements with your child
- Limit time using technology
- Think about where they use technology - webcams
- Take technology at night

When?

- ¼ of children admitted to missing sleep because of technology
- 2/3s of children said using technology interrupted time doing schoolwork and spending time with friends and family

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What to do?

- Check history of websites children have viewed

- Turn on Safe Search in Google

Sign in

Search settings

Languages

Turn on SafeSearch

Advanced search

History

Search help
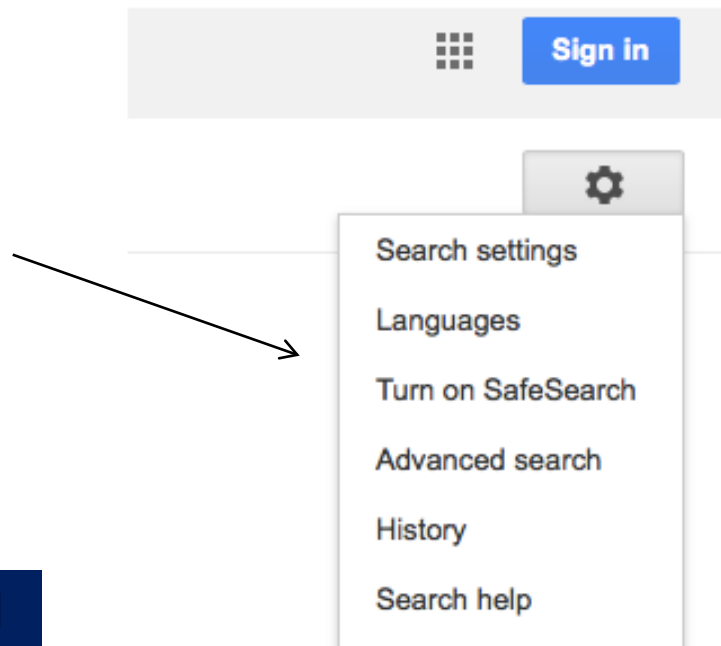
- Encourage use of child friendly search engines e.g. Yahooligans

- Use safe search apps on iphones and ipads e.g. K9 browser

- Think about when your child needs a mobile phone. Contact the provider to put restrictions on usage.

- Make sure you use a firewall and have anti-virus software

- Set up a family email for websites children access

- Encourage children to not use a nickname on sites and not share personal information

Gaming

- Massively multiplayer online role playing games
- Talk to children about playing with strangers and giving personal information

PEGI (The Pan-European Game Information age rating system) was established in 2003 to help European parents make informed choices

3+

7+

12+

16+

18+

Violence - Game contains depictions of violence

Discrimination - Game contains depictions of, or material which may encourage, discrimination

Sex - Game depicts nudity and/or sexual behaviour or sexual references

Drugs - Game refers to or depicts the use of drugs

Fear - Game may be frightening or scary for young children

Bad Language - Game contains bad language

Social networking

•18% of 9 to 10 year olds and 25% of 11 to 12 year olds have a Facebook profile

• •14% accept all friends

•Only half keep their profiles private

•¼ give a false age

•3% meet up with someone online that they have never met

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Ban or Educate?

Facebook and most other social media sites are for over 13 year olds.

- Build a profile with your child. Discuss what personal information to share.

- Set a strong password.

- Become your child's friend.

- Discuss which photos are appropriate to post and how they can be misused.

- Explain that friends should be people they know.

- Set strong privacy settings to friends only.

For more information…..

- http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/
- www.thinkuknow.com
- http://www.getnetwise.org/
- http://www.childnet-int.org/
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/
- http://www.iwf.org.uk/
- http://www.internetmatters.org/age-guides/videos.html
- http://facebook.com/safety

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- Useful safe websites for links across the curriculum, including games and general resources:
    - http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/
    - http://www.topmarks.co.uk/
    - http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/
    - http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/15.cfm?s=15&p=251,index
    - http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/
    - http://durham.schooljotter.com/coxhoe/Curriculum+Links

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