



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to highlight a problem that may affect more children than we know. Some of our children use different media platforms.

Throughout the school, the children have had age-appropriate lessons about how to stay safe online, the reasons for age restrictions on various platforms and what steps to take if they feel unsafe online. In KS2 specifically, they have also been taught about the effects of cyberbullying, of posting inappropriate content/ language online and befriending unknown contacts, especially on **ROADBLOX, a popular game amongst children** and the potential consequences that could occur should they choose to do so. This supplements the P.S.H.E. and computing lessons that take place in each year group and also supports the work done with the children by Lancashire Victim Services.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers> You can also check out our website for on-line safety support.

Please be vigilant about your child's use of mobile technology and keep your children safe. Children are, quite naturally, naïve. We as adults must not be.

Please ask yourselves these questions: Are you confident that you know the answers to these questions?

- Does your child have access to learning platforms that you are not aware of?
- Do you know what they are accessing online and who they are messaging/talking to?
- Are they allowed to have their mobile phones in their rooms?
- How do you manage mobile devices at home?
- Do you have a technology curfew?
- When did you last have a conversation with your child about online behaviour and safety?

This advice is not meant to be condescending, but it is our duty to make sure that our children are not left vulnerable within these situations. We advise that parents take control of what children are doing online at home in order to avoid harm. If you need further advice, please contact the school so that we can help. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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