Staying Safe Online

At Little Waltham C.E.V.A Primary School we understand that the internet is an essential tool for pupils in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction.

The school has a duty to provide pupils with quality internet access as part of their learning experience. It is part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for learning.

Pupils also use the internet widely outside of school and will need to learn how to take care of their own safety and security.

What do we do at Little Waltham C.E.V.A Primary?

At Little Waltham we follow the SMART rules as listed on the Childnet website.

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Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

S — **SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

m — **MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

a — **ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

r — **RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.

t — **TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Throughout the year at Little Waltham each class will have the opportunity to take part in some online safety learning.

Online Safety Information for Parents

Our pupils are growing up in a world of ever-changing technology. While we feel that the use of technology can have a positive aspect of modern life, we cannot ignore the risks that can be associated.

Throughout the school we aim to teach our pupils:

1) About the impact of cyber-bullying and what to do if they have been affected.
2) To be vigilant when communicating online recognising that people may not always be who they say they are and to be sensible about what they share.
3) To tell an adult they trust if something happens online that causes concern or the child becoming worried or upset.
4) To question the reliability of information given through a web source.
5) To search responsibly for information using internet browsers.

We understand that much of our pupils' use of the internet will occur at home away from the school filters.

Below are a list of useful websites, advice and resources that you may find helpful when navigating the issue of online safety with your child.

Useful resources and links

Thinkuknow www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP. It aims to ensure that everyone has access to practical information - children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them.

Internet Matters https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/

A comprehension web resource with a wide range of tips and advice on how to navigate the online world with your child.

National Online Safety https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides

National Online Safety's mission is to make the internet a safer place for children. They aim to do this by equipping school staff, parents and children with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers and how best to react should an incident arise.

NSPCC https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

The NSPCC are the first to admit that the internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? That's where the NSPCC come in. Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start, their tools and advice will help you keep your child safe.

Childnet https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/

Childnet International is a registered UK charity that aims to make the internet a safe place for children and young people. Packed with information and resources, this is a great information hub for parents.

CEOP http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is part of the National Crime Agency and their website can be used to report if you are worried about online abuse or the way someone is communicating online.

BBC Own IT https://www.bbc.com/ownit

The BBC have a website and app called Own It. The website has a lot of content for children to help them navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it most.

SafetoNet https://safetonet.com/

SafeToNet is technology that educates children 'in the moment' as they use their device. It is a safeguarding assistant that helps children become responsible and safe digital citizens. Its power lies in a smart keyboard that detects risks in real-time. It steers children away from trouble by filtering harmful outgoing messages before they can be sent and any damage can be done.

UK Safer Internet Centre https://saferinternet.org.uk

The UK Safer Internet Centre provides online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.