



Internet Safety and your child - e-safety

The internet has become an important part of our lives. A world has opened up which offers many positive opportunities. Children at Hillside use the internet on a regular basis to enhance their learning and we want to ensure that pupils get the most from it, by encouraging sensible behaviour. In school we have a filtering system to prevent children accessing inappropriate sites. We also have regular 'E'-Safety activities and assemblies to remind children of the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

Some children use Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and Snapchat, which can be accessed via iPod Touch, iPad and laptops. Be warned that these sites have a minimum age of 13. Here are some useful tips to keep your child safe on-line:

- Keep the computer in a shared area so it's easy to monitor the sites your child is using.
- Discuss on-line safety with your child especially about not giving out personal details.
- Ensure that they know the people they talk to on-line in their real time.
- Do not let your children have webcams or allow them to 'FaceTime' in their bedrooms.
- Talk to your child about posting photographs online.
- Encourage your child to tell you if they feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see on-line.

Here are some useful sites which promote safe Internet use for children.

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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>



Internet Safety for Parents:

You can play your part by teaching your child about responsible use of the internet.

- Are your children safe on line?
- Do you have effective filters in place?
- Have you set parental controls?
- Do you monitor what your children watch?

The following links will take you to good quality advice about the kinds of things your children could inadvertently access and how to stay safe when using any online device:

We have resourced some great books for children who are aged 3 – 8 years and want to share them with you as you may want to buy them for your child or as a gift for other children.

See below:

- Chicken Clicking – Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRQgIbfGfTU>
- Webster's email – Hannah Whaley
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlIPA3SLpPM>
- Digi Duck - Digiduck® books - online
<http://www.childnet.com/resources/digiducks-big-decision>

For Safer Internet day children at Hillside were read the story of Hanni and the Magic Window written by Amy Lockwood and designed by Sara Lasheiei.

In this short story, Hanni sees something through the magic window which upsets her, but she struggles to find the right words to let someone know what's happened and how she feels. The story reinforces the message of how important it is to ask for help straight away when you need it.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ub8tefWs7U4>

Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>