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Keeping Safe Online!

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

There is always so much in the news about keeping children safe online. We work hard in school to ensure children understand how the internet can be helpful and support our learning. But more importantly how the internet has it's dangers, of which we should also be very aware.

Last year we told you about two websites that are useful for parents containing lots of free information and resources to help you keep your child safe online. Those sites were:

<http://parentinfo.org/>

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

Here are two more websites that also contain really great information and resources for parents and carers.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Safeguarding children online is everyone's responsibility. Here are a few tips that might help you to protect your child. If you would like further advice or support then please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher, our Family Support Worker or Ms Donnelly, our Computing leader in school.

- Are parental controls set on your broadband on all devices including PCs, tablets, phones, TV, gaming devices?
- Talk regularly to your child about how they can keep safe online and what to do if they are worried about something.
- Are your online accounts password protected so only you know the password?
- It is illegal for your child to have a Facebook account.
- Set your homepage to a child friendly site and ensure if your child has an account it has strict parental controls.
- Make sure children are online in a place you can keep an eye on them.
- Ensure children only have access to age appropriate games, films, TV programmes.

These are just a few helpful tips, of course the list could go on. Ask if you need help.

Please ensure we have all of your most up to date contact details.

Report anything you are not sure about or uncomfortable with CEOP can help and so can we.

The image displays three screenshots of online resources. The top screenshot is a 'THINK UK NOW' interface with a grid of colored buttons for age groups: 5-7? (blue), 8-10? (yellow), 11-13? (green), 14+? (orange), Parent/Carer? (light blue), and Teacher/Trainer? (grey). A 'REPORT ABUSE' button is visible at the bottom right. The middle screenshot shows the 'parentzone' website with a navigation menu and a main image of a family. The bottom screenshot is from 'parentinfo.org' with a header 'Helping parents keep their children safe online' and a grid of icons for various topics like 'Understanding and managing your child's privacy', 'Social media', 'Gaming', 'Online learning', and 'Safety'.

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