

Safeguarding Newsletter for Parents

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day.



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IMPORTANT information

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing games that are not appropriate for their age. The games on Roblox are those linked with a Netflix series called 'Squid Game' which is deemed not suitable for children under the age of 15. Although the games are not as violent as the series, they mirror the 'games' and are very disturbing and include content such as being killed if you move. The concept is that innocent games turn into 'murders in the playground'. Please ensure that you monitor the games being played by your child, and take the necessary steps in order to protect them from this inappropriate material.

INTERNET SAFETY

This half term, consider some of these helpful hints and tips. [Information from internetmatters.org]

There are lots of benefits to using the internet:



Online games can enhance teamwork and creativity



Add to the child's store of knowledge



Households with computers perform better academically



Improve both visual intelligence and hand-eye coordination

There are risks too...

Risks are not harm and positive action can combat these risks. Here are some helpful tips:

1. Understand the risks
2. Communicate regularly with your child and their internet usage
3. Keep the risks in proportion
4. Agree helpful mediation strategies
5. Develop coping and resilience strategies

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Controlling time with technology

Your child will be watching how you use technology and it is important to role model healthy habits. Here are some examples:

- 1 Turn off notifications on apps to avoid that constant 'ping'
- 2 Buy an alarm clock so you don't have devices in the bedrooms
- 3 Keep phone on silent in your pocket or bag when you pick the kids from school
- 4 No phones at the table rule or no phones between 6 and 7 rule
- 5 Family tech free days!

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matters.org

Key Resources

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

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

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide-6-10-year-olds/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>