

St Mark's Catholic Primary School

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



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SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

Keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility between school and home. Technology offers many learning opportunities, but children need guidance to use it safely and responsibly.



#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Our weekly #WakeUpWednesday updates, shared on ClassDojo and Twitter, provide helpful insights into a range of important online safety themes. Please keep an eye out for these every Wednesday to stay informed and supported in keeping children safe online.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Talk regularly with your child about what they do online

- Remind children never to share personal information
- Use parental controls and privacy settings on devices and apps
- Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if something worries them



AGE RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND GAMES

13+

- Many social media apps (e.g. WhatsApp, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat) are 13+
- Games and apps include age ratings to help keep children safe

Please check age ratings, monitor usage, and set appropriate screen time limits.

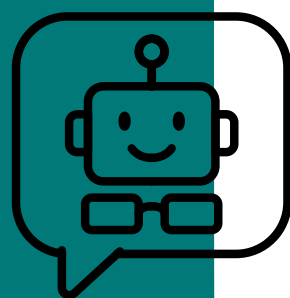
WORKING TOGETHER HELPS CHILDREN DEVELOP SAFE, POSITIVE ONLINE HABITS.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND CHILDREN

AI tools such as chatbots and image generators are becoming more common.

- Many AI tools have age restrictions, often 13+
- AI can sometimes provide incorrect or unsuitable information
- Children may not understand that AI responses are not always accurate

We recommend supervising AI use and reminding children not to share personal information.



TRUSTED ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

Internet Matters – <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

UK Safer Internet Centre – <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Thinkuknow (CEOP) – <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



If you have any concerns or questions about online safety please speak to one of the DSL's in school. These are Miss Dorsett, Mrs Dykes, Miss Stewart and Mrs Khan.