St Peter at Gowts CE Primary School - Autumn Term 2020 eSafety Newsletter

Welcome to our very first eSafety newsletter! We are looking forward to sharing resources, updates and top tips with you each term.

A big thank you to the wonderful Year 6 children (Jacob, Hayden, Imogen, Viktorija, Lacey and Sidratul) who agreed to work with us to create and publish future newsletters.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, comments or concerns you would like to discuss with us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

We love National Online Safety in school. The CPD and resources are brilliant for ensuring we are kept up to date with the latest developments and resources to deliver the best eSafety curriculum possible.

Last year, we achieved the NOS accredited school award and we are keen to gain this accreditation again this school year and need the support from parents and carers to be able to do so.

If you haven't signed up already, please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-peter-at-gowts-ce-primary-school

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the 'Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and all the resources the site has on offer. NOS publish weekly guides to support schools and parents with getting to know different apps, social media platforms and websites etc. We will retweet the guides each week so do keep an eye on the school Twitter accounts. These can also be found on the NOS website when you have created an account.

Staying safe online - checking your filters!

We would really like to encourage you to check your safety settings on your internet and phone to ensure your child is only able to access age appropriate apps and videos.

The UK Safety Internet Centre has provided helpful links to show how to set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home:

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce these helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider

No filter or parental controls tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other's behaviour. It is therefore important to talk to your children about staying safe online and make sure they know that they can turn to you if they get into any difficulty. More advice for parents about key topics such as cyberbullying, sexting and social networking can also be found on their website https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers

Have you heard of an IBF?

An IBF is an internet best friend- someone who you meet online and become friends with and then share your personal details with, including logins and passwords. We have been speaking about the potential dangers of IBFs in UKS2 this term, including why we need to keep our personal information safe and secure.

We know Tik Tok is massively popular app with many children. If your child is a Tik Tok fan, it is recommended you use the 'famil y safety mode' feature. Find out more here:

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-tiktok?utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=NOS-TikTok-guide

Reminder: Tik Tok age rating is 13+