

Welcome Back To Term 3

Over 72% of parents will have purchased their child a tech gift for Christmas but the Information Commissioner has warned that net-connected toys and gadgets could put the privacy and safety of children at risk. Please look carefully at toys containing sensors, microphones, cameras, data storage and other multi-media capabilities. Any device which offers Bluetooth connectivity - Furby-Connect, i-Que Intelligent Robot, Toy-Fi Teddy and CloudPets and home speakers including Amazon's Echo and Google's Home could put children's privacy and safety at risk. Please make sure you read the manual and understand the security and privacy options and change passwords and usernames on new devices from the set defaults.

To support pupils and parents further we participated in Safer Internet Day on the 5th of February. Children participated in activities teaching them about how to stay safe on-line. Have a chat to your child about their learning during this day and ask them how they keep themselves safe online.

National Online Safety

As part of the #WakeUp campaign National Online safety has created a free **updated YouTube guide for parents & carers**

[nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/youtube-guide-for-parents/...](http://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/youtube-guide-for-parents/)

YouTube is the world's largest video platform and the 2nd biggest search platform (after Google), with over 1.8 billion users per month, this guide will provide you with information to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including; *age inappropriate videos, in-app messaging, dangerous challenge/viral videos, digital well-being and more.*

FIFA

With over 20 million players in the current season of FIFA, National Online safety have created a free guide for parents and carers on the nation's favourite online football game.

This guide provides what you need to know about the game to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including; *online payments, in-game chat, addiction, fake accounts and more.*

[nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/fifa-guide-for-parents/...](http://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/fifa-guide-for-parents/) #OnlineSafety

Age Restrictions On Social Media

13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

Children's Online Communication

Children communicate with others online using Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, Snapchat, <http://musical.ly>, and Whatsapp.

Net Aware is a really useful site for Parents and Carers to review social networks, apps & games: <http://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Please be aware WhatsApp has a minimum age of 16. This limit has been set because these apps can be addictive and can lead to bullying and friendship issues as well as cyber-bullying. Some studies have shown that the longer children spend chatting online the less happy they feel. The NSPCC has many helpful resources:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>



Please monitor your children on the roads around the academy and ensure they are crossing roads safely, are well supervised and safe and considerate to road users.

If your child cycles or scoots to school, please ensure they wear a helmet.

Phones in the Academy

We would like to reiterate - where required, only Year 6 pupils are allowed to have their phones in the academy. The phones should be turned off at all times when on the academy site. If they are used inappropriately, they will be confiscated.

