



E-Safety Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Green Gates Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for your children; this also includes E-safety. Every term you will receive a newsletter about how to encourage E-safety at home. During the spring term, children have taken part in activities linked to Safer Internet Day 2105. Your child made a promise to make the internet a better place. Here are some of the promises that were made across the school:

- When using a search engine, use 'for kids' or 'KS2' at the end of your search.
- Don't share your password or any other personal information online.
- Only use websites that an adult says are ok.
- Tell an adult if you see anything inappropriate.

I have included some Top Tips for internet safety at home.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Breckon

Top Tips

- **Talk to your child about what they're using the internet for.**

Discuss what sites your children like to use and why, this will mean your children will be more likely to share any problems they encounter on the internet.

- **Encourage your child to explore online.**

The internet has various age appropriate sites for your child to use. Encourage them to use sites which are fun and educational. They can share their new knowledge with you and their class.

- **Keep track of your child's development online.**

Your child will learn new skills online, allowing them to access different sites. Make sure you are aware of their new understanding.

- **Set boundaries for your child when they are using the internet.**

Think about what they see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online.

- **Ensure that your child uses the internet in a family space.**

It is important that you can see the sites that your child is using and if anything inappropriate appears on their screen.

- **Use parental controls on devices that have internet access.**

Parental controls help you to set boundaries when your child is online. They do not solve internet safety issues, but they are a good place to start.

- **Look at E-Safety websites with your children and discuss being safe online.** Here are some suggestions:

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>

