



Dear Parents/Carers,

At Green Gates Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for your children; this also includes internet safety. On 7th February, we participated in Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet', with a particular focus on the role of videos and images in young people's lives. In school, children discussed the importance of first impressions, and how images posted online can help people form an impression of you. They also discussed how images that are posted online can be seen by anyone. It would be helpful if you could discuss with your child the importance of sharing photos safely online. Below are some conversation starters for you to use.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Breckon

Start the conversation on a positive note:

1. Ask your child why they like the internet and what their favourite game, app or website is.
2. Ask your child if they like sharing images and videos online and why.
3. Share your favourite emoji and ask your child what their favourite is and why.

Talk about experiences, responsibilities and boundaries:

1. Ask if your child has seen people posting images that are mean or could embarrass someone. What should they do if they saw this happening?
2. Does your child know if an image or video is truthful? For example, they might have seen images edited to make people look better, or videos that are fake. Can we always tell?

The Safer Internet Day website also has videos and information for parents.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/tips-and-advice-parents-and-carers>

It is important that you are aware which apps your child is using. In recent weeks, there has been some issue surrounding Roblox and Musical.ly. Both apps are fun and allow children to chat to their friends online. To keep your child safe, ensure that their accounts are set to private, so that they can only chat to friends they have accepted. Here is some safety advice for parents/carers:

Roblox- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

Musical.ly- <http://musicallyapp.tumblr.com/parents>



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