

# Thornaby Church of England Primary School

Internet Safety Day - February 2019

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February was Internet Safety Day

This week we have been discussing Internet Safety across school and would like to highlight some of the issues with you as parents and carers and steps that you can take to keep your child safe online.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day focussed on how consent works in an online context and asked young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This related to their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos as well as how they manage their privacy and data.

'Safer Internet Day 2019 empowered young people to take control of their online lives and to feel that they can harness and use the positive power of the internet for good.'

Following this work we have become aware of pupils with Instagram accounts who are having conversations with people that they do not know. Inappropriate content has been shared. **Please ensure that you are fully aware of your child's online activity especially if they have access to their own mobile device.** It has been highlighted to us that several of our pupils have YouTube accounts/channels. Please be extra vigilant. Several children have photographed and uploaded videos of themselves in their school jumpers or inside/outside their houses. These type of activities make your child vulnerable as they identify where they go to school, where they live and even the possessions in their house.

Other types of account that can cause concern: Whatsapp, Facebook, Snapchat, Tiktok, Twitter, Skype Facetime, Kik, Google hangouts, Omegle, Messenger; all online games that involve chat and conversations. The majority of these apps have a limit of 13+ if parental settings are applied. If you decide to permit your child to have such an account then please ensure that you activate these settings and that your child's accounts are private. Other suggestions include that as parents you download and use the app to help you understand it; as well as talking to your child about what they're doing online; and making sure they know they can talk to you about anything that upsets them

More sources of support

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/>

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

[www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.webwise.ie/parents](http://www.webwise.ie/parents)

If you are concerned in anyway or unsure of how to ensure that your child is safe online then please contact school and we will do all we can to help.