



EVINGTON VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Caring and Learning Together

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E- Safety and Use of the Internet

Dear Parent/ Carer

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure that all children in our school are safe and protected from any potential harm, I am writing to remind you of the importance of on-line e-safety when using the internet. In school, we take measures to ensure that children are protected from accessing unsuitable material when using computers and pupils are made aware of the SMART rules when using the internet. However, we also need your support to ensure this happens at home. Therefore, we would like to suggest the following guidelines to help you to keep your child safe and reduce any possible risks:

- Talk to your children about the internet sites and apps that they access and ensure that you understand what they are using and accessing
- Establish on-line rules with your children – discuss information that should be kept private and appropriate information to share with others or what to do if someone wants to become ‘friends’ on-line
- Ensure that you have anti-virus and parental controls on any devices that your children have access to
- Monitor and supervise your child’s use of the internet and apps that they use. Ensure that computers, tablets, mobile phones and consoles that allow internet access are used in supervised family areas
- Follow the guidelines for sites and apps that have age guidance:
 - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat and Secret all have a minimum age of 13 requirement
 - Whatsapp has a minimum age of 18 requirement
 - Youtube has a minimum age of 13 for children to have their own channel
- Advise your child to talk to you if they see anything on the internet that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable

If you require any further assistance or support please feel free to contact the school, visit our website <http://www.evingtonvalley.leicester.sch.uk/e-safety.html> or you can view the NSPCC website at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>, <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/beingsmart/> or <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> to find out more information.

Thank you for your support in this matter.
Yours faithfully

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