8th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we have been setting home learning tasks for your child to complete during this very different and difficult time. We thank all of those who have already logged in and completed much of this work. We do encourage children to log on daily and complete as much work as possible.

As we set this work, we are aware that the children are spending more time online than we would usually suggest and we are also aware that the children need to ensure that they are being safe online.

Please spend some time today to discuss the following internet safety tips with your child:

1. **Personal information** - we never share our name, address, birthday, usernames, passwords or sensitive information with people we do not know online. Keep your passwords strong and never share them.

2. **Not everything is true** - remember, Google is not a brain! It is a box where anyone can put anything. Always, where possible, check research in a book. If you cannot check in a book, then always check three or more websites to see if the information you have found is accurate. Also, make sure you are using well known websites.

3. **Strangers** - NEVER speak to people you do not know online. NEVER agree to meet with people you do not know. NEVER give your information to people you do not know.

4. **Images** - remember, if you share an image with someone then it is no longer your image. That person could pass that on to others. Make sure images you send are appropriate and make sure you know who you are sending them to.

5. **Uh-Oh Feeling** - remember, if you get a funny feeling in your tummy that something is not right, tell your parents.

6. **Report** - all platforms have report buttons for online bullying and harrassment. If someone is nasty or threatening online then you can report them. If you feel like someone is being inappropriate with you and asking you for too much personal information, you can report them. Your parents can get advice on this through CEOP - link at the bottom of the school website.

7. **Downloads** - be careful what you download as some files can contain viruses which infect your computer

8. **Be Kind** - never bully or be nasty online. If someone is being nasty to you, report them and let your parents know.

Here are some good links for activities to do with your children with age appropriate videos to watch:

**For children aged 4-5:**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-4-5s-home-activity-sheet-1.pdf>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-4-5s-home-activity-sheet-2.pdf>

**For children aged 5-7:**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-5-7s-home-activity-sheet-1.pdf>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-5-7s-home-activity-sheet-2.pdf>

**For children aged 8-10:**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-8-10s-home-activity-sheet-1.pdf>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/thinkuknow-8-10s-home-activity-sheet-2.pdf>

Information for parents:

[Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=UK_GO_S_B_BND_Grant_Childline_Information&utm_term=role_of_childline&gclsrc=aw.ds&&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIlfLRh-ez6AIVRrDtCh1N9QR2EAAYASAAEgLc-vD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds) - for support

[UK Safer Internet Centre](https://reportharmfulcontent.com/) - to report and remove harmful online content

[CEOP](https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

If you are using other online learning or tutors for your child, you can find support on how to keep your child safe here:

[Internet matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIktuA5LWK2wIVRYXVCh2afg2aEAAYASAAEgIJ5vD_BwE) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[London Grid for Learning](http://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Net-aware](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC

[Parent info](https://parentinfo.org/) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Thinkuknow](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

[UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers) - advice for parents and carers

I hope you find all of this information useful and supportive. There is a lot of information in this message but the safety of our children is still and always will be our number one priority, no matter where they are.

Stay safe and take care.

Kind regards,

Mr Lee Bennett

Deputy Headteacher