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ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE – CYBERBULLYING IN SOCIAL MEDIA

There has been a recent report in the media of another disturbing online 'game'. The alleged form of cyberbullying spreads through social media and mobile phones. It is hard to know whether these games are real, where they come from and what to do about it. Parents and teachers will undoubtedly be worried about the effects of these rumours, and whether it's real or not, it can still be scary for children and adults alike.

Here are six ideas that may help:

Do Your Research

Find out and learn more about what children are getting up to while online. Find out what your child is looking at, and judge for yourself if it's appropriate.

Talk To Your Child

Knowing how to block and report inappropriate content can help to start to make a difference. Look at Thinkuknow. The website is connected to police and CEOP and offers advice that's targeted appropriately to the age of your child.

Take Them Seriously

It doesn't matter if the fear is real or proportionate, if it's scaring your child, it's worth listening.

Understand Technology

It can be hard keeping up with which app, game or social messaging service kids are using. If you want the latest on the latest technology, consider checking out parentzone. There are sections ranging from explaining the game Fortnite, to what game age ratings really mean.

Report Any Serious Risk of Harm

Take a look at the CEOP online safety centre. You can make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors if you are worried about online sexual abuse, or the way someone has been communicating with your child online.

Our school website has a number of useful links to websites that regular update information for parents, carers, teachers and children.

The links are:

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/curriculum/> and scroll down to E-Safety

The dark blue boxes indicate websites that school recommend to keep up-to-date.

These can also be found on this page:

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/curriculum/learning-at-home/>

Learning at Home

E-safety:

As you may be aware, children can access a range of social media and apps. It is important to remember that social media has age restrictions and that software developers are constantly changing and updating their apps.

If your child has a social media account, please follow the guidance on the age restrictions. Please also make sure that the privacy settings are high and you know who children are in contact or friends with. Please report anything that you find and talk to your children about how to keep themselves safe online – particularly talking to people they don't know.

We would also like to make you aware of the latest changes with regards to Snapchat – where children's locations can be identified. You can download this leaflet (on the left hand side) or collect a hard copy from the school office.

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Also look at the National Online Safety website and the Net Aware website that provides updates and guides. Links are available on the left hand side of this screen.

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Information is regularly added to these pages as we become more aware of issues online.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classteacher or a member of the safeguarding team here in school for more information. The staff are Miss Kinch, Mrs Brandreth, Mr Steadman and Mrs Taylor.