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Dear Parents/Carers,

Online Safety

Here at St Philip's School, we know that the children access online games, apps and sites to communicate and socialise with each other. This is part of the 21st Century. We know that technology will continue to evolve and change. It is increasingly used to develop social networks and, as the children get older, will be an integral part of working life. As a result, we encourage children to make use of new technology and recognise that our children are confident in the digital world – far more confident than we are!

Developers regularly update the content of their apps and websites – including the use of in-game/in-app chatting and messaging. The children often talk about meeting and chatting online when they are playing games. The children consider themselves safe because they are indoors. However, they are not always fully aware of some of the dangers linked to websites, social networking or apps.

In school, we talk to the children about keeping safe online and the importance of not sharing personal details or images.

With this constant development, it is difficult to keep track of the features of apps and websites. So the question is – how do we find out about what the children are using?

The O2 and NSPCC website "Net Aware" (www.net-aware.org.uk) provides lots of information about specific apps and websites just by searching the name of the app or website. This is a very useful resource. You can search for the games and apps that the children are using and it provides you with an overview as well as links to how to block or report any messages. We have put links to this website in two places on the school website:

- <http://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/information/letters-and-policies/>
- <http://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/curriculum/>

We would encourage you to read the useful articles on the website about supporting your child at home and taking on board some of the guidance about monitoring what your child is accessing online.

O2 and NSPCC also have a **parent helpline** to support you with any questions you may have. The number is **0808 800 5002**. They will answer questions about how to set up parental controls and block content. You can also book a **1to1 meeting in O2 shops** with a Guru, who will also be willing to help and show you what to do.

We are planning **Parent Workshops** for **next term** to help you with keeping your child safe online. Please let us know if there is anything you want more information about so that we can make these workshops useful to you.

In the news...

At the moment, there have been articles in the news about a number of different apps; in particular, Roblox. The following link takes you to information from the company about how to report and block content as well as the safety measures that they currently have in place for the children.



- <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/categories/200213830-Parents>

The ThinkUKnow website provides detailed information and "How To.." guides for Parents. A link can be found on the school website. There are useful guides to Facebook, Musical.ly, Periscope, Instagram, WhatsApp, Kik, ooVoo and Omegle. These are well worth reading and downloading if your child is using any of these apps or games.

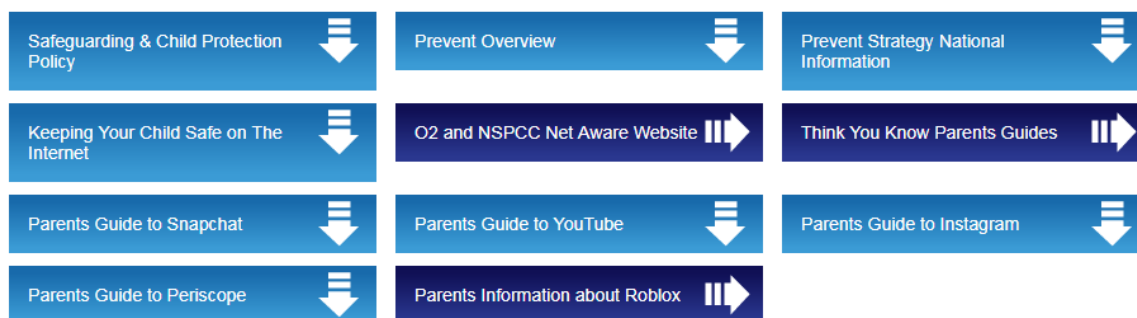
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

A link to the ThinkUKnow guides can also be found on the school website in the letters and policies section under "safeguarding information for parents" alongside guides that we have already downloaded for you – Snapchat, YouTube, Instagram and Periscope. We have also provided a link to the Roblox page for parents so that you can access their information directly.

<http://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/information/letters-and-policies/>

This is what the section looks like on our website.

Safeguarding Information for Parents



We update our website regularly and listen to your concerns and worries. Please let us know if you need information about anything else regarding online safety or you think we need to provide additional information on.

If you have any concerns or worries about safeguarding, please come and speak to us in school. Our safeguarding team are...



Mrs Brandreth
Learning Mentor



Mr Steadman
Parent Liaison Officer



Mrs Taylor
Reception Teacher



Miss Kinch
Headteacher

You can get in touch with us via the school office as detailed above or come and speak with us on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

Making Progress Whilst Making Memories