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Internet Safety

Dear parents,

Following on from the recent talk on internet safety held in school I would like to share some useful websites with you:

www.saferinternet.org.uk - use this site for guidance for setting filters for all isp providers and guidance about safe searching modes.

www.iwf.org.uk - use this site for reporting websites with offensive material or photos you think are not appropriate.

www.ceop.police.uk - use this site to get advice or report an allegation regarding safeguarding children.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - use this site as part of the CEOP site to get further education material and videos with advice for parents and carers.

This is the CEOP image to look out for:



Just click on the link when you see this image to get guidance, to find out where to get help or to report an incident.

We are aware that there is a growing number of children who are playing highly unsuitable games, such as Grand Theft Auto, which is certificate 18 and contains extremely offensive material. Exposure to this sort of material has a damaging impact on young minds, affects their behaviour and causes untold psychological harm. Allowing children to view unsuitable material is also a safeguarding issue and as such could be reported to the police or Social Services. Staff at school have a duty to report such disclosures to me as the Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding and it may be necessary to follow this up with a referral to outside agencies. There is a very good reason why these games have age restrictions and the simple answer is to stick to them.

A final piece of advice: treat your passwords like your toothbrush - don't share them and change them from time to time. Consider using the £ sign in your password as this key is not available outside UK.

Yours sincerely,

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