

# St. Anselm's 'Parent' Online Safety Newsletter



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## Latest Information

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to this new academic year. I will be sending out Online Safety Newsletters every half term, updating you with any guidance we receive and updating you on the online safety we are covering in School. I will also be working with some appointed 'digital leaders' in Year 6 who will help to determine the games and apps children across the school are using and therefore beneficial advice for them.

I will begin with some general guidance about keeping children safe online. The National Online Safety recommend doing the following:

- Monitoring viewing habits
- Checking online content
- Check age ratings
- Change privacy settings
- Spend time on the app
- Let children know you are there
- Encourage critical thinking
- Learn how to report and block
- Keep an open dialogue
- Seek further support

If there are any Online Safety topic or games and apps advice that you would like, please do not hesitate to email the school (for the attention of Mrs Collyer) and I would happy to help in finding additional guidance.

## Curriculum Content:

This term, all classes are covering the online safety topic: **Self Image and Identity**. Reception will look at what is meant by self-identity and will explore the visual aspects of our identity as well as our personality. In Year 1 we introduce the idea that sometimes people can make us feel sad online and that we are able to ask them to stop and tell a trusted adult if this happens. Year 2 discuss how somebody's online identity can be different to their real identity and Year 3 talk about the need to be careful when sharing information about themselves online and what information is not suitable to be shared online, as well of the risks of doing so. Year 4 look at what a positive online identity is and how they can create one and Year 5 look at what a safe online profile would look like as well being able to identify personal information that you would not want to share. Year 6 learn how to make responsible choices about their identity and practise creating a safe online profile.

## Useful websites:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/looking-for-kidsmart>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<https://www.internetmatters.org>