

## Be Share Aware:

Talk about what's OK, and not OK, to share online

Talk to your child about what 'personal information' is - such as email address, full name, phone number, password, address and school name and why it's important to keep personal information confidential.

Explain simple ways to protect individual privacy. For example, by avoiding usernames like birthdates or locations that give away too much information.

Discuss images and photos, and what might be appropriate. Help your child understand how photographs can give people a sense of your personality, and that sharing the wrong kind of image can give the wrong impression. That having school uniform pictures online means you can be tracked down easily.

Explain that it isn't easy to identify someone online. People aren't always who they say they are, so don't share personal information. If it's someone who genuinely knows your child, they shouldn't need to ask for personal information online.

Tell your child that if they're in any doubt they should talk to you first.

## E-Safety Curriculum at Blakedown

E-safety is part of our curriculum in school. It forms part of the Computing curriculum as well as PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education).




Every time an adult or child goes on the internet, we talk about issues that may arise and what to do if you see something you are uncomfortable with.

Near or on each computer is a child-friendly reminder sign.

We also take part in Safer Internet Day each year and use online resources to teach the children about internet safety.

Every child and adult in school signs our acceptable use policies.

### **Think before you click**

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|  | I will only use the Internet and email with an adult.                     |
|  | I will only click on icons and links when I know they are safe.           |
|  | I will only send friendly and polite messages.                            |
|  | If I see something I don't like on a screen, I will always tell an adult. |

## Blakedown CE Primary School



### E-Safety Leaflet for Parents

## Online World

Children and young people go online to connect with friends, and make new ones, to browse the internet for information, to chat with others and play games.

They may:

- Search for information or content on search engines like Google and Bing
- Share images and watch videos through websites or mobile apps like Instagram, Pinterest, Vine and YouTube
- Use social networking websites like Facebook and Twitter
- Write or reply to messages on forums and message boards
- Play games alone or with others through websites, apps or game consoles
- Chat with other people through online games, BBM (Blackberry Messenger), game consoles, webcams, social networks and tools like WhatsApp.

When online, children and young people can learn new things, get help with homework, express themselves creatively and connect with friends and family.

There are also risks, but by understanding and talking about the dangers you can help keep your child safe online.

## Explore sites and apps together

Talk about what might be ok for children of different ages. Ask your child what sites or apps they like. Write a list, and look at them together.

Be positive about what you see, but also be open about concerns you have: 'I think this site's really good' or 'I'm a little worried about things I've seen here'.

Talk to your child about what you think is appropriate - but also involve them in the conversation. Ask what they think is ok for children of different ages - they'll feel involved in the decision-making.

Be aware that your child might talk about friends who use apps or visit sites that you've decided aren't suitable. Be ready to discuss your reasons, but recognise that they may not agree with you. Listen carefully for the reasons why.

Go through a final list of sites you both agree are ok, and work out when you'll next discuss it.

Please remember social media sites have age restrictions in order to protect your child.

Age 13 - Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Messenger

Age 13+ - YouTube

Age 16 - WhatsApp

## Ask about things they might see online which make them feel uncomfortable

Talk about things they, or their friends, have seen that made them feel uncomfortable:

1. Be specific. What exactly made them feel uncomfortable and why? Is it people or animals being hurt? Nasty comments about others?
2. Link these to things in the real world, and explain that you're always here to protect and help them online and off.
3. Reassure your child that they can always talk to you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.
4. Show them how to report or block the sites and apps they use. Use **Net Aware** to find out how.
5. Tell them you'll help them to report anything upsetting they've seen, or to deal with online bullying.
6. You may need to report inappropriate or concerning behaviour to the police to ensure your child and other children are safeguarded.