

Dear parents/ carers,

This email follows on from our child and parent 'Acceptable Use Agreements' that were sent home yesterday (Monday 18th September). It is very important that you share and discuss these with your child. When they have been read and understood please sign them and send both agreements back to school as soon as possible.

As a school, we are working closely with, Online Safety Specialist, Alan Mackenzie. He is an associate member of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) and he partners with companies and charities who believe that online safety can be seen as positive and empowering. Please continue reading:

Whatever the age of your child they will receive good online safety education in school, from early years through to college. But as parents and carers we need to know about and keep up with the risks and issues our children may face online. Importantly, we also need to know where to go for extra support.

My name is Alan Mackenzie. I specialise in the ever-changing and evolving area of online safety, mainly working in schools all over England and in this first video I will quickly introduce myself and define what online safety means. Many people think that online safety means keeping children safe online. That is correct, but it's much more than that.

One of the most important messages I would like to get across is that you can't know everything, neither can you watch your child 24/7. But as parents and carers we have natural curiosity; we know when something doesn't feel right or something has changed and that's when we investigate, mainly by talking to the child.

This first video is just over 9 minutes in length. Over a period of time, you will receive another 6 emails from school, all with a link to a new video and some accompanying text. In some of the emails I will also include useful links, all of which will take you to free information and resources.

Although much of the information is okay for children, there is some information within the videos that may not be appropriate, so please take precautions when watching any of the videos (e.g. wear headphones). There is also a subtitles option on each video, just look for CC at the bottom right of the video.

Just click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser.

<https://vimeo.com/743007345/e341f1df3b>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!
Thank you