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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. This newsletter will focus on E-Safety because of some challenges we have had in Key Stage Two.

Tools to access the internet are all around us wherever we go. In this growing digital age, it is important that we teach our children how to use equipment and the internet safely so that they are able to learn, work, be successful and have the skills they need to become independent adults.

Top Tips for Parents

1. Use Parental Controls
Many products have parental controls or child-safe modes. These limit the searches that children can make, prevent them from downloading anything without permission or stop them purchasing products and apps.
2. Check Connections are Safe
Check the internet router is secure. If the device has Bluetooth, set it to 'undiscoverable' to prevent data being shared or hackers taking control of the device.
3. Be Password Protected
Make sure you set all devices with a string unique password. It is recommended that passwords should be at least 8 characters long, have lower case, upper case, numbers and symbols in them. Try to not re-use the password and teach the child the importance of not sharing passwords.
4. Talk to Your Child About Online Safety
Explain to your child about how to stay safe online. Our curriculum phrase will help you to focus on the key messages – 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It'. Also remember to openly discuss with your child about the sites that they are visiting. It is always safer for children to use equipment in the living room where they can be carefully monitored.
5. Read the Manual
New toys may have the ability to connect to the internet. Read the manual to find out how the device collects and shares data. This way you are in control of the information that is shared with others about your child.
6. Be App Aware
Many devices also either require or have the ability to download apps. Always check the age ratings, privacy settings and permissions of the apps before downloading.
7. Get Advice
On our Twitter feed (@AbbeyParkHX) you can access some latest advice from West Yorkshire Police. You can also get advice from the following websites
www.nspcc.org.uk
www.childnet.com

www.saferinternet.org.uk

You can report inappropriate websites or abusive behaviour online at:

www.ceop.police.uk

Additionally, O2 mobile company offer a free service in safety features of any mobile phone. You do not need to use them as a provider. Why not pop in one of their stores and ask about their service when you are next in town?

Our Curriculum

We teach the children about how to remain safe online through our computing and PHSCE curriculum. There are three key messages that we teach the children – 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It'.

Zip It

- Only type messages that you would like to receive
- Keep private information to yourself
- Do not share passwords

Block It

- Click to block unsuitable sites
- Close pages that make you feel worried or scared and tell an adult immediately
- Do not open messages or files from people that you do not know

Flag It

- Tell an adult or report unsuitable web pages
- Tell an adult of behaviour online that upsets you
- Tell an adult if someone asks you to meet them

A key message we also give children is that online the word 'friends' refers to people we are linked with and may not know in real life. Therefore, we cannot always trust them.

If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of your child, please contact the office to make an appointment with one of our designated safeguarding leads. We would be happy to listen and will work with you to support your child.

In Other News

Training Days

Just a reminder that we have three training days planned in June, where school will be shut for children. The first two training days fall at the end of the next half term holiday. School will be shut on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June; school will reopen on Wednesday 6th June. We will have another staff training day on Friday 29th June; school will reopen on Monday 2nd July.

Dangerous Driving

We have had numerous complaints from parents and residents in regards to dangerous and illegal driving on Keighley Close and Heathmoor Park Road. The police have been made aware of our concerns and will be making visits to these areas.

School Dinners

Mrs Donaldson will be making up sandwich packs at lunch times for those children who do not like the hot food that is on offer. These packs will contain a sandwich (ham, cheese, egg mayo or tuna mayo), fruit, yoghurt and a biscuit. If you wish for your child to have a school dinner that includes the sandwich pack, please contact the office. Dinners are £9.00 a week and we ask for this to be brought into school on a Monday morning. (Please note that all KS1 children are eligible for free school meals even if you don't qualify based on income).

As we supply healthy lunches here in our kitchen we ask that parents providing their child with a pack lunch from home do so as well. Children on packed lunches are not allowed to bring chocolate sweetie bars, sweets or pop into school. These will be confiscated and substituted for a healthy alternative - but will be returned at the end of the day. Of course a cake or biscuit as part of a healthy lunch is allowed as are crisps in regular size packets.

Thank you for your continued support of Abbey Park Academy and our values.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. E Ford
Acting Associate Executive Principal

At Abbey Park Primary Academy, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all members of the school community to share this commitment. Our school actively promotes fundamental British values. This commitment includes staff, governors, volunteers and contractors working on the school site.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment and these can be found on our website.

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that this would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalisation and extremism.

Our Safeguarding Leads are;

- Mrs Ford (Principal)
- Mrs Kermotschuk (Vice Principal)
- Miss Priestley (Pastoral Support)

They are the lead people in our school and the people to contact if you have concerns about a child.

