



*Creativity is our key to learning*

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## Online safety at Walsden St Peter's CE Primary School

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting the children with their blended learning. We have been amazed by the children's enthusiasm, positivity and the quality of work being produced by the children who have had to work from home. As we find ourselves in these more challenging times, we just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the SMART principles to follow for children staying safe on the internet. These are;

### **S – Safe**

Keeping safe by not giving out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online. This also includes discussing gamer tags or other details in online forums.

### **M – Meeting**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online is dangerous. This should only be done with parental permission or when they can be present. At present, maintaining relationships with people we trust is important for our mental wellbeing. Think about how you can stay in touch with friends and family safely via telephone or video calls. Social media is another way of doing this, however, there are lots of age restrictions on these apps, so will need to be checked first.

### **A – Accepting**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

### **R – Reliable**

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

### **T – Tell**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

For those parents with children accessing the internet for their learning, it is especially important to be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet – it is a good idea to set appropriate times so they are not using their devices late at night and you are ensuring they still get enough sleep!

Teachers have posted and will continue to post links to suitable websites to support learning. Please check class pages on our website <https://walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/>

- Childline – [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- UK Safer Internet Centre to report and remove harmful online content [www.reportharmfulcontent.com](http://www.reportharmfulcontent.com)
- CEOP (to make a report about online abuse) [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)
- Internet Matters (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online) [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)
- Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC) [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)
- Parent info (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online) [www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)
- Thinkuknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online) [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)
- UK Safer Internet Centre (advice for parents and carers) - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

If you have any concerns you can contact the school Designated Safeguard Leads in school. You can email [admin@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk) and we will reply to you as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support during this period of school closure, thank you again for your patience and encourage you to get in touch if you need any support.

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