



## **E-Safety at Kingsford**

This year, Kingsford has been working towards raising awareness of E-Safety across the school. We have been working alongside the teachers, pupils and some parents to improve the learning and teaching about E-Safety in the school and the wider community.

So far this year, we have devised an E-Safety Policy for the school that will soon be available from the school foyer if you wish to review it. The E-Safety Policy is integrated into the school's Child Protection Policy as there are many areas that relate to E-Safety. This outlines the safe and acceptable use of current technologies within the school for all individuals; including staff and pupils. All pupils and staff have read and signed an Acceptable Use Agreement. This is a document which outlines the rules and responsibilities of using the internet and technology. Included in the policy, is a clear outline of procedures which would be followed in the school if an E-Safety incident should occur in school.

If you have any E-Safety concerns at home, please see the following website for support and also a place to report.

<https://ceop.police.uk/>

At Kingsford, we have been working hard to raise E-Safety awareness however to really help pupils understand the importance it must be reinforced at home. E-Safety is a joint responsibility between home and school. If you are unsure about how to discuss E-Safety with family members or just want to learn a little bit more about it, please have a read of the following document which includes some advice and websites for support

Parents and carers play a key role in supporting children to learn about how to stay safe online, and they are one of the first people children turn to if things go wrong. We know it can be difficult to stay on top of the wide range of sites and devices that young people use, so we hope that the following advice helps:

### **Have a conversation**

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

**Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.**

1. Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

2. Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
3. Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
4. Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

### Safety tools on social networks and other online services

Most online services offer some safety features that can help you manage access to age-inappropriate content, report concerns or protect privacy.

It is a good idea to think about the sites and services your family uses, and check out which features these sites have that might be helpful for you. Talk to your children and make sure they know how to use the tools on the sites and services they use.

### Parental controls and Filters

We know that children, particularly younger children, can be bothered by things they see online, and filters can be a helpful tool in reducing the chances of coming across something upsetting.

Set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home.

The 4 big internet providers in the UK - BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time.

This information was sourced from: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

### Further websites for support and information:

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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>