STAY SAFE ONLINE!!!

This is a message all schools across the country are constantly teaching children. E-safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Kingshill Church School. Any e-safety incidents are recorded and managed in accordance with our e-safety Policy and e-safety is taught to all pupils explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online.

We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with families to ensure the e-safety message is consistent. Your help is needed to talk to your children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online.

What can parents/carers do? Follow these Golden Rules/ Suggestions

Ground Rules
- Discuss as a family how the internet will be used in your house. Consider what should be kept private online (personal information, photos etc.) and decide rules for making online friends. Make sure you know what your child is doing online much like you would offline.

Online Safety

- Install antivirus software, secure your internet connection and use Parental Control functions for computers, mobile phones and games consoles to block unsuitable content or contact
- Remember that parental control tools are not always 100% effective and sometimes unsuitable content can get past them, so don't rely on them alone to protect your child.

Location
- Locate your computer in a supervised family area. Always supervise the use of webcams and applications which allow voice or video chat. Consider your child's use of other devices that allow internet access such as mobile phones, tablets/iPads and Games Consoles.

Dialogue
- Talk to your child and ask them to show or even teach you how they use the internet. Learn which websites or tools they like to use and why. Learning together can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour with your child.
- Always ensure your child knows how to block or report people online who send nasty or inappropriate messages or content. Encourage your child not to retaliate or reply.
- Make sure your child knows to tell an adult they trust if they see something online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable.
- It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not always work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe use is essential.

Websites for more information (links on School Website)

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk – Visit the "Parent/Carer" Section and use the "Click CEOP" button to seek advice and report online abuse

www.childnet.com   – Visit the 'Know It All' Section for an interactive guide about online safety

www.bbc.co.uk/onlinesafety

www.childline.org.uk

http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/get-started.html

Thank you for your support
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