

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and the first E-safety update for you this term. I will continue to provide fairly regular updates throughout the year of things to look out for, advice, guidance etc on various aspects of using the internet, keeping children safe, tips and what to do if there are problems

If anyone would like to be a part of an E-safety school, pupil and parent group that meet once per term (Autumn, Spring, Summer) to discuss current issues around E-safety at school and home, let the office know and I can provide a little bit more detail as to what this would entail.

Alan Mackenzie (E-safety advisor) has forwarded a couple of links with advice and information that may be useful.

One is about Instagram and bullying

Instagram has a new feature that's used to detect certain content, particularly harmful content which gives anybody posting such content a moment to reflect, for example if somebody posts "That photo makes you look so ugly" they will get a warning, 'Are you sure you want to post this?'

<https://esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/newsroom/blog/helping-your-child-deal-with-unwanted-contact-online>

This may seem like a minor thing but it reinforces the message to 'think before you post.'

The other article is about dealing with unwanted contact whilst using the internet. This has been written for parents and teachers, by the Office of the Australian eSafety Commissioner who has produced a really nice, small article on this subject and it has some great conversation starters to use with children. This something I will also be covering in KS2 E-safety lessons over the year.

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Kind regards,

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