

Saltergate Schools

Summer 2 e-Safety Newsletter 2022-2023



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This newsletter aims to keep parents and children up to date with the teaching of e-Safety. It will cover topics relevant to computing and technology used within Saltergate Schools and by our children at home. If you have any suggestions for content do not hesitate to contact school.

Fascinating Facts and Figures:

Increased Internet Usage: The widespread adoption of technology and the internet has led to an increased use of digital devices among children in primary schools. According to a study by Ofcom, 99% of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years were using the internet in the UK, with 55% of 3-4-year-olds using tablets.

Parental Concerns: According to a survey conducted by the National Online Safety organization in the UK, 95% of parents were concerned about their child's online safety. However, only 32% felt confident enough to talk to their children about online risks.



Time to Talk

It is important that children and parents feel like they can talk to each other about risks that exist in today's virtual world.

Suggested topic:

How do you know people you talk to online are who they say they are?

Terminology Explained

Encryption The science of scrambling data be it text, audio, or video so that it can only be read by the authorised sender and recipient.

Worm A special type of virus that is self-replicating and can spread across many computers and harm networks, consume bandwidth and shut computers down.

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Useful Websites:



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e-Safety Hot Topic **GAMING**

P.L.A.Y One of the simplest snippets of advice to parents and carers about the games their children play, is to spend some time playing with them. This helps you to get to know the game, the features, privacy settings, content etc. The UK Interactive Entertainment Association (UKie) have launched a campaign for parents called 'Get Smart About P.L.A.Y.' to encourage more parents/carers to use tools that manage features within games and on consoles. This is brilliant, simple advice for parents/carers. Children also report that they wish their parents would play their games with them, so this is an opportunity for family time as well as supporting your child's online safety.

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-smart-about-play#:~:text=The%20Get%20Smart%20About%20P.L.A.Y%20campaign%20provides%20parents%20and%20care,family%20controls%20for%20your%20console.>

Point me in the  **right direction!**

On line grooming

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/> Offers an explanation of how perpetrators operate, a video informing parents about what they need to know and details of how to minimise the risks.

e-Safety Rule

Do not open attachments or notifications without permission.

When should a child get their own phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find the latest article from the Education Team at Childnet useful:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/experts-answer-when-should-my-child-get-their-first-phone>

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Pupil Voice:

"I love to play minecraft." Y3 pupil

"My little brother downloads apps without mum knowing - there are loads of adverts on them." *Y5 pupil*