

# Saltergate Schools

Spring 1 e-Safety Newsletter 2023 - 2024



## Safe@Saltergate

This newsletter aims to keep you up to date with how to keep safe when using technology. It covers 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:

We take part in the 'Growing up in North Yorkshire' survey with our Year 2 pupils. We found these results particularly interesting:

- 57% of children play computer games after school.
- 92% of pupils have someone they know they can talk to if they feel unsafe.
- 40% of pupils are potentially unsupervised/alone when using devices.
- 49% of children have adults who don't always know what they are looking at online.
- 51% feel they don't have rules at home about being online.
- 29% have friends online that they don't know in real life.
- 31% felt that they didn't always keep themselves safe online.



### 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:*

What is the difference between a 'friend' you make online, or a friend you know face to face?

### Terminology Explained

**Filtering** Software or hardware product designed to prevent access to inappropriate websites on the internet.

**Spam** Unwanted email, usually of a commercial nature, sent out in bulk to an indiscriminate set of recipients.

Do you regularly check the schools

website? [www.saltergateschools.co.uk](http://www.saltergateschools.co.uk)

### Useful Websites:



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### Hot Topic – Safer Internet Day

The 2024 edition of Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, 6 February 2024. This special celebration, which takes place in February of each year, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

As part of the celebration, we encourage everyone to join "Together for a better internet".

It's not just schools that can get involved with Safer Internet Day:



Point me in the right direction!

Did you know about...  
SWIGGLE

CHILD FRIENDLY SEARCH ENGINE

This is an ad-free search engine designed specifically for young children taking their first steps on the internet. 'Powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google Safe Search and educational resources prioritised. We also filter the search terms to check that Swiggle is not being used to search for inappropriate content.'

#### Get involved

The Safer Internet Day slogan of "Together for a better internet" encourages everyone to join the movement, to participate and to make the most of the internet's potential to bring people together. With a global, community-led approach, Safer Internet Day encourages everyone to come together and play their part. There are many ways to do this.

	Are you a young person?	↓
	Are you a parent or carer?	↓
	Are you a teacher or educator?	↓
	Are you from an organisation or industry?	↓

Go to <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

### ChatGTP What do I need to know about ChatGPT?

ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence chatbot which can be found online. Similarly to a robotic customer service often found on the corner of a website or app, ChatGPT generates content and answers based on a user's question. This article developed by Childnet discusses why it's important for parents and carers to talk with young people about how to use ChatGPT in an educational and safe way.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-chatgpt-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

### e-Safety Rule

Double check information you find on websites - they aren't all correct! Don't automatically trust sites - check them! Look at a number of different sources of information.

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### Pupil Voice:

What should you do if you see something on the internet that you do not like? **"Tell your mum or dad!" - Year 2 pupil**

**"I prefer to code using Scratch - I like the different options and variables it offers." - Year 6 pupil.**