



E-Safety Newsletter

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Stay Safe online

Who are The Digital Leaders?

The school have recently set up a Digital Leaders Group which consists of Year 5 and 6 pupils (2 from each class). They are involved in the following:

- Creating E-Safety posters for the school.
- Creating an E-Safety newsletter for the parents.
- Updating the ICT suite display board.
- Presenting a talk to the parents at the Safe Schools Community Team session.
- Creating an e-safety survey for the children to complete.
- Reviewing the fun links on the school website.
- Making a 60 second film for the CNET competition.

The aim of the E-Safety newsletter is to provide you and your children with the latest information on how you can stay safe on-line.

For more tips and advice on how to keep children safe online see the Childnet website - www.childnet.com/

Does your child play on online multiplayer games?

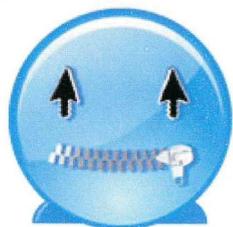
Here are five tips to staying safe in online multiplayer games:

- 1** Encourage your child to use a nickname and not their real name when playing online.
- 2** Make sure they know not to share personal information that could identify them, like their school, address or phone number.
- 3** If you allow your child to use the voice chat function on their console, remind them that the people they talk to are still strangers and to be cautious.
- 4** If someone says or does something that makes your child uncomfortable make sure they know how to report it. www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-report/
- 5** If in doubt, keep your child's online multiplayer experience to real life friends only. You can over-see their friends list, restrict their contracts through the console's parental controls, and even disable multiplayer entirely.

Is your child playing 16 or 18 rated games?

There is a reason that games such as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty have been given a high age rating—mainly due to war violence, brutal stabbings, strangulations, executions, torture, prostitution, the list goes on. At BPS we know that some children are playing these games and we feel they are not appropriate and lead to children discussing above age appropriate issues, which has recently led to children becoming upset. We are urging parents to take a moment to watch what your children are playing and to have a think about the effect that these games are having on your children and to think, does my child really need to be playing this game?

The Digital Leaders have been talking about what you should be careful with on the internet, if you or your children ever get bullied online you should go to such websites like: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre, you can find this link and many more on the BPS school website (www.bridport.dorset.sch.uk) under News and Events then click the E-Safety page. Top tips to stay safe on-line:



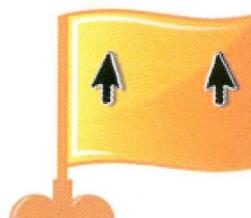
ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Checklists for Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook

Has your child asked to go on either Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram or Facebook? These are very popular with children today and do come with age restrictions:

Twitter - Suggested minimum age is 13

Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook - Minimum age is 13

If you have let your child sign up to any of the above make sure that you have had a conversation about what is appropriate to post and what is not. Make sure they are respectful to others when writing comments. They must be aware that it isn't just their friends that see their comments, friends of friends and then their parents can see your child's comments and photos too.

For further information on any of the above please check out schools e-safety website page - www.bridport.dorset.sch.uk/news/esafety.php

How to keep your children Safe when searching the Internet

Google SafeSearch is a great way of keeping adult content out of internet search results. To turn Google SafeSearch on:

Go to the www.google.com/preferences website page and in the SafeSearch filters section, make sure there is a tick in the **Turn on SafeSearch** box. Click **Save** at the bottom of the page.

Safe search engines to try are:

- ⇒ South West Grid for Learning www.swiggle.org.uk
- ⇒ Googles www.safesearchkids.com

SmartPhone Controls

More children today have their own smartphones or tablets which can be difficult for parents to control. There are however, restrictions that can be set for an iPad or iPhone which are useful to control specific features and apps and block access to adult websites. Follow these guidelines to set restrictions:

Tap Settings > General > Enable Restrictions and enter a passcode. You can use the passcode to change your setting or turn off restrictions. Don't forget the passcode otherwise you will have to perform a factory restore to remove it. You can then restrict access to various apps and features such as FaceTime, installing apps, deleting apps. You can prevent access to specific content types including ratings for films, TV shows etc.

For more information on setting parental controls on a Windows smartphone go to : www.windowsphone.com/en-gb/how-to/wp8/apps/set-up-my-family-for-windows-phone

For more information on setting parental controls on a Android smartphone go to : support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB