

Welcome to the Hayeswood First School E-Safety Newsletter

We at Hayeswood want to encourage the use of various technology as it has numerous benefits:-

- Encourages Creativity
- Encourages Independence
- Opportunity for Discovery
- Hand-Eye Coordination

Young People are using technology as a matter of course

However we want it to be used **SAFELY**.

We want to remind all parents about the importance of discussing E-Safety with your children, regardless of their age, to talk to them about what websites and apps they're using and who they are talking to.

If you buy any new technology, why not use this as an opportunity to start the discussions and consider applying appropriate parental controls as well.

Children and young people take risks as well as we do and it is our responsibility to ensure that we are doing everything we can to create a safe environment for children and young people.

What we are aiming to do is:-

- For us all to be more aware of the risks posed by the internet to our children
- Have a greater awareness of where to access further advice guidance and support in relation to Internet safety.

So, join in with them and let **THEM** educate **YOU** whilst you keep them safe.

What are the risks?

•Content

- Age inappropriate content
- Illegal content, child abuse images

•Conduct

- Harm from interactions from others online
- Harm from interaction between one another online

•Contact

- Contact from unknown persons
- Young people openly engaging with unknown people

What are young People accessing?

These kinds of websites have limited interaction.

CBBC

Lego

Star Doll

Disney

Club Penguin

Moshi Monsters

And many more...



They do not pass information onto others.

They are an extension of the TV programmes in an online virtual environment.

They are age appropriate.

Other websites that can cause concern:-

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| <u>Facebook</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Interaction with unknown persons</u> • <u>Inappropriate content</u> |
| <u>KIK</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Interaction with unknown persons</u> • <u>Inappropriate content</u> |
| <u>Ask.fm</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Anonymous comments create an environment for Cyber bullying</u> |
| <u>Instagram/Snapchat</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Upload Pictures that can become public and permanent</u> |

How can these risks be reduced?

“Children and young people need to be empowered to keep themselves safe – this isn’t just about a top-down approach.

Children will be children – pushing boundaries and taking risks. At a public swimming pool we have gates, put up signs, have a lifeguard and shallow ends, but we also teach children how to swim.”



- Regular and progressive education
- Regular professionals training
- Provide Advice, Support and Guidance
- Legislation and national policies – 2013 PM announces to set family filtering.
- Professionals having a better awareness of overriding principles of internet safety.
- Parents become actively involved in supporting children and young people on the internet.

We, as parents should give clear and precise guidance and direction on what use is considered acceptable and what is not.

This is not designed to make you ‘experts’ or internet safety advisors.

So what can we do?

Keep computers, laptops, i-pads, mobiles, x-box etc in the family room – NOT in bedrooms

Limit their time on them and take control

Check what they are doing – not sneakily but check WITH them and get involved

Keep privacy settings updated and filters on – keep your knowledge updated

Have conversations with your children:-

- 1) What IS personal information – name, age, school, birthday, family, address etc
Would you share that with a stranger in the park?

“NO!!!”

So DON'T on the internet either!!!

- 2) Respect for one another – make sure that you behave on the internet as you would face to face

Be polite, be well mannered and be good.

- 3) Who are they interacting with on sites or game playing?

Do you know who they are?

Are they a stranger? Are they an adult?

ANYONE can pretend to be ANYONE – if you wouldn't share things, play games, interact with a stranger face to face then

******* DON'T DO IT ONLINE!!!! *******

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| ZIP IT | Keep personal things private |
| BLOCK IT | Anyone who sends messages you don't know or nasty things do not open links or attachments |
| FLAG IT | Tell someone you trust - family, carers but especially teachers!!! |

Useful Links

www.netsmartz.org

www.thinkyounow.com

www.saferinternet.org

www.stophinkdorset.co.uk

What support is there?

