OLSE E-safety information for parents

Hello, please find some E-safety information provided by our E-safety champions for children and parents. If you or your child have any questions about e-safety please send your questions to the school's admin email and we can answer any of your queries.

1.) Siyane's information about Tik Tok

Tik tok has some advantages such as a creative community and entertaining videos but there are lots of red flags that children should be aware of.

Tik Tok red flags

- Tik tok is aimed at people who are 13 years or older. That means videos are not appropriate for children younger than 13.
- There are a large number of scams on Tik Tok that means a lot of people lose money or are tricked into sharing personal information.
- Children are targeted by online predators who get children to do things they shouldn't be doing.
- There is inappropriate content for children such as people wearing revealing clothes.
- People lie about their age so there is no way to know how old someone really is.
- There are lots of scary videos such as Huggy Wuggy.

2.) Tyler's insights into WhatsApp

Did you know WhatsApp is for people aged 16 or over?

The Dangers of whatsapp

- As long as someone knows your number they can use your number to create an account using your details and send messages pretending to be you.
- Not all conversations are saved with encryption- which is a form of internet security. This means these conversations aren't private so anyone from WhatsApp or a hacker can access your account.
- If you are under 16 years old, would you want a stranger reading your messages?
- Once you have sent a message it can be shared and targeted by cyber criminals so be careful what you send.
- Not all people are kind on WhatsApp and cyberbullying is common. Sometimes people think because bullying is online it doesn't count but it does.
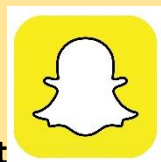
3.) Osinachi's tips for staying safe on Snapchat

- Snapchat is an instant messaging app used mainly to share images and videos.
- The age restriction is for children 13 years or older.
- People can put inappropriate pictures online such as weapons.

When you are online here are some top tips for how to stay safe on snapchat:

- Do not encourage violence or dangerous behaviour.
- Think before you snap, your images and videos can be saved and shared.
- When you post something, even by accident, it stays online forever.
- Don't record yourself doing things you shouldn't for likes such as damaging property.
- Snapchat has a location tracking facility, this is often turned on without children knowing and means people can track their location. Make sure this is turned off at all times.

Shallom's findings about Instagram

- Lots of people use Instagram, it is one of the most popular social media platforms in the world.
- Though a lot of people use Instagram in a positive way there are a lot of people who don't.
- You have to be 13 years old to use Instagram. There are lots of reasons for this.
- One of them is a lot of the times people use pictures of models to pretend to be children when it is really adults who may want to cause harm to young people.
- Accepting friend requests from strangers can be dangerous because you cannot control what they will send you. Sometimes this can be inappropriate things such as asking you where you live.
- Cyberbullying can happen on Instagram and can have a negative impact on the lives of young people.
- There are lots of scam messages, this might look like someone telling you you've won an IPAD or you can make loads of money if you follow a link that has been sent to you and once you click on the link someone gets control of your device.
- You can be exposed to content that is not for your age group.

Adebayo's reflections on Facebook

- Facebook can be used to keep in contact with your friends but it is not made for Primary aged children.
- Like other platforms cyberbullying can and does happen.
- There is a lot of fake news on Facebook and sometimes it is hard to tell fact from fiction.
- Sometimes rude or hateful language is used on Facebook.
- Facebook is for people aged 13 or over. This is because their brain is developed enough to understand what it is they are viewing. Children under 13 do not have the maturity, and knowledge to understand everything they see on Facebook. This is because their brains are still developing.


Jade's knowledge of Roblox

- A lot of children use Roblox, it has lots of positive things but also some things that we should think carefully about.
- Roblox is for children who are 13 years or older, this makes children under 13 easy targets to dangerous people because children sometimes don't know what signs to look out for.
- Personal information can be exposed on Roblox such as when people use their full name instead of a made up username.
- Some people get angry when playing games and use bad language.
- Children sometimes use a fake date of birth to create an account.
- Children often fall out with their friends because of games on Roblox.

Jeremiah's tips about staying safe online

- We live in an online world and it has allowed us to do many things so it is important we know how to stay safe online.

1.) Don't talk to strangers.
2.) If you feel something is wrong, don't accept it, tell someone.
3.) Block users who make you feel uncomfortable, remember to report them and to tell a trusted adult.
4.) Tell your adults what you are doing online so they know how to keep you safe.
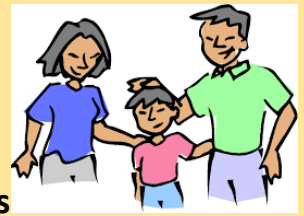
Kyanna's advice for how to talk about internet safety with your parents

- Show your adults what you do online.
- If you're afraid of showing your parents, then that might show you are doing something you are not supposed to.
- Start your conversation by telling them all of the good things you do on the internet.
- Then tell them about things on the internet that make you feel uncomfortable.
- Talk to them about what you think they can do to help you.
- Don't be scared to tell your parents what you do online, they cannot keep you safe if you are not honest with them.

We can all work together to make the internet a safer place. We can start by making sure that children are accessing apps and websites that are appropriate for their age group. This starts by having conversations with our children about their online world.