



Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy

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Autumn 1

Introduction

This year, you will receive a half-termly newsletter regarding Online safety. Each newsletter, will have a focus and will help you become more aware of, and deal with, online safety.

Online safety –What is it?

Online safety is becoming a vital part of every child or young person's life. With the growth of the internet and children always being online and always connected to devices such as smartphones, the need to protect children from the dangers of the internet and social networks is of paramount importance.

'Online safety' refers to the safeguarding of young people when online. This could be when using social networks or messaging apps such as WhatsApp or Snapchat, or it could be while browsing the internet. Some of the biggest dangers in the modern world are found online and include the likes of bullying, inappropriate sexualised or other behaviour - or exploitation.

What can I do?

Parental controls are software and tools which you can install on phones or tablets, games consoles or laptops and even your home broadband. You can also use them to help you block or filter the content your child sees when searching online. Family-friendly public WiFi can help when you're out and about.

Parental controls are also available to help you to:

- Plan what time of day your child can go online and for how long
- Stop children from downloading apps they're too young for
- Manage the content different members of the family can see.
- So whatever your child is doing online, there's a way that you can help keep them safe.

Follow the link for more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Useful websites

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://ee.co.uk/our-company/corporate-responsibility/keeping-children-safe-online>



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Dates for your diary:

Autumn 1 – An introduction to Online Safety

Wed 14th Oct – Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception – Yr 6

Thurs 15th Oct – Break up for half term

Fri 16th Oct – Inset Day

Mon 19th – Fri 30th Oct – HALF TERM

Mon 2nd Nov – Return to school

Tuesday 9th February 2021 – Online Safety day

