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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you to our latest **Online Safety** newsletter. As always, the children are continuing to have regular discussions, in their Computing lessons, to address prominent issues or any areas of concern relating to online safety.

Parental controls for the internet:

It is important to check that you have adequate parental controls set up on any devices that children have access to in your home.

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – **BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media** – provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time.

Visit the following website for further information on how to set-up parental controls:



They have come together to produce helpful video guides to enable you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.

Remember:

No matter how secure your parental controls are there is always still a way that children can view unsuitable material online, be this in the home or elsewhere. Therefore it is crucial to have discussions with your child about their online behaviour and to establish an open dialogue, whereby they feel comfortable in telling you about anything they may have seen online that is inappropriate. This can often happen unwittingly, in the case of internet searches, or relate to unkind or inappropriate comments in chat forums.

Topic of the month: **digital footprints.**

What are digital footprints?

Every time you go online you leave a trail!! Have a look in the history section of your website browser and you can see the websites you have visited in the past. Or try a google search to see anything that your name may be linked to.

It is important to teach children to think about what can be found and whether this could cause them any problems. Remember that you can control a lot of what people see. You can do this by making sure that everything you post online has the right audience.

Digital footprint checklist for ADULTS and older children:

- Check privacy settings: make sure you know what information you are sharing on the websites you use, in particular on social networking sites. Keep in mind that your friend's content and their settings can also affect your digital footprint.
- Think before you post: before you post that funny picture of your friend, or make that joke about someone online, ask yourself do you want everyone to see it; friends, family, grandparents, future employers? Would you be happy for others to post that type of content about you? Remember once it is online it could potentially be there forever!
- Deactivate and delete: when you stop using a social networking profile or website, it's a good idea

to deactivate or delete your account. This will mean the content is no longer live and should not be searchable online; it will also remove the risk of these accounts being hacked without you knowing.

- Make a positive footprint: we hear a lot about the negative footprints left behind online. The best way to keep your online reputation in check is to use your time online to get creative and create a positive footprint. For example - why not write a blog to promote all the great things you are doing, fundraise for a charity using an online sponsorship page or create a video to teach others something new?



Please remember, should you have any concerns regarding online safety then don't hesitate to voice these to us. I will always be happy to work with parents/carers and ensure that we offer the very best guidance and support for our children.

Best wishes,

Sarah Francis
(Computing Subject Leader &
CEOP Ambassador)

