

Useful Websites

ThinkUKnow: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
Information about ways to keep your child safe online and how to support them in their use of the internet.

ChildNet: <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
Information about how to keep your child safe online, including advice and support with parental controls.

NSPCC NetAware: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
Guide to social networks and games with information about privacy settings and potential risks.

InternetMatters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
Information and age-specific advice about the issues affecting children online and how to support them.

CEOP: <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
National Crime Agency website where you can report abusive or inappropriate online behaviour to an experienced Child Protection Advisor.

If you have any queries, or would like to speak to a member of staff about online safety and how to support your child at school and home, please contact Mrs Anderton (Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Williams (Deputy Headteacher, Deputy DSL & E-safety Lead) or Mrs Law (Computing teacher) who will be more than happy to help.



Southfield Junior School supporting your child to stay safe online



General Information

It is not always possible to supervise your child online but there are lots of ways to limit potential dangers and keep them safe, whilst still encouraging their use of technology and promoting safe online behaviour. There are many websites dedicated to keeping children safe online. Most offer support and advice for parents and professionals, hints and tips for how to keep your child safe online and some also offer interactive activities which you can do with your child.

At Southfield, we teach E-Safety in lessons and assemblies but some children are particularly vulnerable online as they do not always understand how to distinguish between fact and fiction or how to interpret social cues. They may also find it difficult to recognise the risks, or that they are in a risky situation.

By working together, we can ensure that our children stay safe online and know what to do if they see or experience something they find worrying or don't like.



Things you can do to help your child stay safe online

- Set up parental controls on broadband and mobile networks to limit the chances of your child being exposed to inappropriate content.
- Set up devices safely—disable in-app purchases/ set up password controls/ disable location services/ use device settings so that only age-appropriate apps can be downloaded.
- Download age-appropriate apps that you are happy for your child to use.
- Be aware that the age limit for social networking sites is 13. Children using these sites can often encounter inappropriate content through shared videos/ photos/ pictures etc.
- Talk to your child about how to stay safe online and put boundaries in place.
- Make sure that your child knows what to do if they see or experience something worrying online.
- Encourage your child to keep their personal information private.
- Take an active interest in what your child is doing online and ensure you know **WHO** your child is talking to, **WHAT** they're doing, and **WHERE** they're going online.

