

# Online Safety and Computing Evening for Parents

Online Safety and Computing Evening Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our E Safety evening. It was a successful event and we hope it helped raise awareness of the challenges and benefits associated with the internet. We also had the opportunity to show case some of our fantastic computing and technical resources from Ipads to robots. Below is a leaflet outlining some of the useful links and resources available to parents to help keep our children safe.

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## E-Safety

Children at St Swithun's School use the Internet on a regular basis as part of their learning. In school we are determined to teach the children the need to keep themselves safe online.

We have a thorough filtering service that allows us to have access to many online resources, but equally filters inappropriate material to provide us with safe and suitable materials. However, at home sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet. This, potentially, allows them to access all kinds of society (both good and bad) and bring them virtually into their homes.

Here are some tips and useful links to help you to keep your children safe online:

- ***Explore e-safety sites*** - There are lots of links to useful e-safety sites for children they are great fun to explore, so why not browse through them with your children?
- ***Facebook / Bebo / Myspace*** - Many of these sites have a minimum age limit of 13, so our pupils should NOT be using them. They do not offer sufficiently adequate levels of protection, allowing children to communicate with anyone.
- ***Keep your computer in a shared area*** - Talk to your child

about what they are doing online and, if possible, set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can all share in the wonderful sites that are available.

Download these e-safety posters and put one up next to the computer at home and talk about it with your children.

[PDF: E-Safety Poster 4 – 7 year olds](#)

[PDF: E-Safety Poster 7 – 11 year olds](#)

### **Some links to more information:**

- [Think U Know](#) - containing internet safety advice for those aged from 5 to 16, along with parents and teachers, this site is produced by CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).
- [Vodafone Parents](#) - Vodafone have lots of fantastic practical advice for parents. You can also read their '[Digital Parenting](#)' magazine.
- [Internet Safety Zone](#) - Look in the 'Under 13s' section for useful safety advice and information.
- [Kidsmart](#) - An award-winning internet safety programme for children.
- [Know IT All](#) - lots of useful advice for keeping yourselves and your children safe on the internet.
- [Bullying UK](#) - Information and advice about bullying for children, parents and schools.
- [Kidscape](#) - An organisation which helps to prevent bullying and child abuse.
- [Childline](#) - ChildLine is the free helpline for children and young people in the UK.
- [Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board](#)
- [CEOP](#) - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.