

The internet is an amazing place, it offers so much opportunity but also presents risks and challenges. We want to help your child to get the most out of it. Our students learn about the risks and responsibilities of online safety through both our Computing and PSHE curriculum. They also have assemblies and form time activities around the safe use of technology. Part of this is covering the 4Cs of online safety risk classification. This recognises that online risks arise when a young person:

engages with and/or is exposed to potentially harmful **CONTENT**

experiences and/or is targeted by potentially harmful **CONTACT**

witnesses, participates in and/or is a victim of potentially harmful **CONDUCT**

has access and is exposed to potentially harmful **COMMERCE**

Illegal
Inappropriate/harmful
e.g. fake news, racism, sexism, self-harm, extremism, pornography

Bullying
Grooming
Sexual harassment
Exploitation
Influencing

Privacy
Digital footprint
Health and wellbeing
Nudes and semi-nudes
Copyright
Live streaming

Online gambling
Advertising
Phishing
Financial scams
Micro transactions

APPS & GROUPS

We have received reports of large, online chat groups being created and used by our students. We would recommend you talk with your child about the groups they are members of as the behaviour in some of these groups and the messages exchanged have gone against the values we have as a school and our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies. Nearly all social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Snapchat, TikTok and Instagram. Users need to be 16 to use WhatsApp.

One way to report on line issues

reportharmfulcontent.com is a site provided by UK Safer Internet Centre and operated by SWGfL. It can help if you've experienced or witnessed harm online. Report Harmful Content can help you to report harmful content online by providing up to date information on community standards and direct links to the correct reporting facilities across multiple



Useful Links

CEOP Education: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

Parent Zone: <http://parentzone.org.uk/>

NSPCC: <https://nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents>

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>