GEORGE STREET NEWSLETTER

E-safety edition

Dear All,

With Safer Internet Day this week, we have put together this special edition of the newsletter to keep you informed regarding the latest E-Safety issues and give some tips and guidance on what you can do to keep your child safe online.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

One of the simplest and most effective ways of helping your child to stay safe online is by ensuring Parental Controls are set on their devices. The Key has a handy guide to setting parental controls on many of the current, popular devices and consoles. Please see the link below for more detail.

Link to the parental controls guide:

https://assets.thekeysupport.com/company/demos/elearning-parental-controls-on-devices-20-21/index.html?_gl=1*jr9f6e*_ga*MTY2NTI4NDcyMC4xNzA2NzAyNTgz*_ga_QDJQRHNR4G*MTcwNjcwMjU4My4xLjE_uMTcwNjcwMzcwMy4wLjAuMA..#/

RECOMMENDED CONTENT

Did you know that the way we see recommended content on social media is changing? New legislation has been brought in which holds Social Media companies to account for the content they recommend. As part of this change the content that is automatically recommended to children e.g. reels, shorts etc. is changing. Due to enforced changes in app algorithms, accounts listed as Under 18 will have different, more carefully screened content recommended. This means it's more important than ever to set up your child's account for them, to ensure the correct age verification for certain apps e.g., YouTube.

NSPCC Staying Safe online

The NSPCC have also published some top tips to help keep children safe online. You can see them here: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso toptips jan2022.pdf

USEFUL RESOURCES

If you would like to find out more about how to keep your child while using popular apps and games, including Fortnite, YouTube, Minecraft and Tik-Tok you can visit the Parent Hub of The Key here: https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/parent-online-safety-zone/?org=5c9406a4-4a20-42cf-8d60-348d544075bf

With half term coming up, when the children are likely to have some more time online, please keep an eye out next week for some more information posters. One will come out each day with up-to-date information about some of the most popular games and apps. The first one is attached and is about the popular game Roblox.