

Ladybrook E-Safety Newsletter Summer 2019

Nationally children's use of the internet has increased rapidly over the last few years. According to internetmatters.org, children's internet use has reached record highs with children aged between 5-15 spending on average 15 hours a week online. Therefore it has never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world. Here at Ladybrook children are taught about internet safety from an early age.

Have you spoken to your child about what they know about keeping safe online?

It is important that as parents you discuss the importance of staying safe online, especially if your child has access to the internet. We need to ensure that the children of Ladybrook develop 'digital resilience.' This means that our children know what to do when something goes wrong online and they can learn from their experiences. This article published by Parent Info explains it in more detail: <https://parentinfo.org/article/digital-resilience-a-parents-guide>

E safety Evening with Tanya Cross

This term we have seen the return of Tanya Cross to deliver a meeting for staff and parents of Ladybrook about keeping safe online. As technology is advancing rapidly, it is important that as parents you know what new apps, streaming channels or games your children are downloading and using. It is useful to consider:

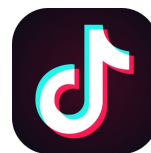
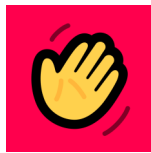
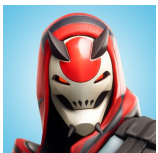
Are these apps safe?

Are they age appropriate?

Do you know who your child is contacting/being contacted by?

Do you monitor what they are doing/saying online?

Does your child know what to do if they encounter something inappropriate online?



Safer Search Engines

One topic discussed at the internet safety meeting was the use of search engines. How often have you been searching for something online when something unwanted has popped up. If your child is using the internet to research a topic, then here are some 'child friendly' search engines that they could use. However it is important for your child to understand not everything they read on the internet is true so when researching they may want to compare a few sites to find the most accurate information.

Safe Search engines for children

<http://www.kidtopia.info/>

<https://teachthechildrenwell.com/>

http://www.lures.info/childrens_search/gogooligans.html

<https://www.factmonster.com/>

<http://cybersleuth-kids.com/>

<https://www.kidzsearch.com/sites.html>

<https://swiggle.org.uk/>

<https://primaryschoolict.com/>

<http://www.dibdabdo.com/>

Useful websites for parents:

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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>