

Ladybrook E-Safety Newsletter

New Website

Can you believe it is almost the end of the summer term already. This is the third issue of our eSafety newsletter. Previous issues should have been emailed out to you, they are also available on our new school website under 'Online Safety'. <http://www.ladybrook.stockport.sch.uk/online-safety/> Here you will also find some parent guides on popular websites along with general advice on internet safety.



Summer safety

As the summer holidays are fast approaching it might be useful to give you some advice on keeping your children safe online over the summer.

Do you know what your child is seeing / doing online?

As the older children get ready to leave Ladybrook they may be swapping contact details to keep in touch with friends on mobile devices over the holiday. Others will be looking forward to having more free time to play on computer games or catch up on the latest apps and YouTube trends. For parents this might be a good opportunity to spend some time with your children looking at their favourite videos, games or apps together. You can get an idea of what your children are doing and visiting online and you can also initiate some discussions about internet safety and what they could do if they came across anything they felt was not appropriate.

Do you know what apps your child has access to?



For older children keeping in touch with their friends online or on mobile devices do you know as parents what apps or social media platforms they are using? Maybe ask your children which sites they use, if they are posting information online about themselves take an interest; do you know what is being posted? Has your child got the correct privacy settings in place and do you know who they are in contact with? Are the apps they are using suited to their age range? Most social media apps like Instagram, Snap chat and Facebook have a 13 + age policy to protect younger children from having their personal information online.



Photographs



If children are posting photographs online or in messaging groups make them aware that they should not be posting any photos that may be seen as inappropriate. Talk to your children about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos and videos can show clues that give away personal information, especially if they are taken in the local area or show places close to where you live. Make sure your children are aware of this before posting anything online.



There are some really useful videos and websites out there that can help to inform your children about online safety and about being respectful to others online see the links on our website for further information.

