



# Safeguarding

## All in this together

### It is important to remind our children how to stay safe online

This term, our safeguarding focus in school is internet Safety. It is **Safer Internet day on the 8th February** and it will be celebrated with the theme **'Together for a better internet'**. All children will take part in a range of different learning outcomes throughout the week to ensure they have a clear understanding of what is internet safety and how to keep safe online. As usual, our assemblies have a safeguarding focus which will be around the following elements: naming the dangers online, sharing details, cyber bullying, SMART rules and online games and films. Children across the country are spending more and more time online. The internet may be a great source of information and entertainment, however, it can leave children vulnerable if adults are not vigilant of the potential dangers the internet can throw at them.



### What do we talk to the children about?

Our assemblies will focus on the following this term:

- Sharing details online
- How to report someone or block them
- SMART rules
- Discussing the dangers of the internet and how to keep safe online



### What is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is celebrated each year on the 8th February with actions taking place across the globe. With a theme of 'Together for a better internet', the day will ask people to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people.

At Grange Infants school, we explore the idea of how to be safe online throughout the year and regularly review our SMART rules with the children. On the day, children are immersed into a range of different learning outcomes through key texts in school such as: The fabulous friend machine, Digiduck stories, Once upon a time...Online and Dot.

### Useful websites

Safer Internet Day: [Home - Safer Internet Day](#)

ThinkUknow: [Thinkuknow - home](#)

NSPCC: [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

BBC Bitesize: [How can you use the web safely? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Internet Matters: [Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](#)

Parent YouTube Advice: [Parents' Ultimate Guide to YouTube | Common Sense Media](#)





## Gadgets

It is very important to consider online safety when your child receives a new portable device. These can be kindles, tablets, ipads, Nintendo switch or even xbox and play stations, any device that a child can use to get online. As children are spending an increased amount of time on their devices online, they are becoming more independent in setting up and using them. Everyone needs to remember that they are still very young and need guidance from adults about how to use them safely.

### What can you do as parents...

- **Use parental controls**—these can be set up on individual devices, log ins and on your home wi-fi. This allows you to potentially block any unwanted content you don't want your child to see. Turn on the privacy settings, including the location sharing, as well.
- **Always read the manual**—this will tell you how to set up the device and set privacy settings.
- **Decide when and where your child can use it**—Set time limits and rooms in which they can use the device under adult supervision. Remind them of the block button and when to tell an adult if they need to.

## Our Smart Rules!

**S is for Safe**—never give out personal information to strangers on the internet. Personal information includes things like your home address and your birthday.



**M is for Meet**—Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present

**A is for Accepting**—Don't open emails from people you don't know, they could contain viruses. If you get a strange email from a friends and you think they might have a virus , make sure you let them know!



**R is for Reliable**—Don't believe everything you read online, check your facts! Did you read it on a reliable website like the BBC? Are other websites saying the same thing? Does it tell you where they got the information from?



**T is for Tell**—If you have an online safety problem, make sure you tell someone. Tell as parent, guardian, or teacher as soon as you can.



## Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is a fabulous website that parents can use to support your understanding of online safety. It also has a wealth of resources that you can then use with your child as well. There are child-friendly animations available which you can watch with your child. These animations give you and your child a great opportunity to learn about trust, consent online, being kind online and what is acceptable and not acceptable behaviours online. The website is:

[Thinkuknow - home](#)

