



St. John's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At St John's we value the use of technology to support our learning and as a way of communicating with others.

On 11th January The Safer School's Team will be visiting St John's to lead some Year 5 and 6 workshops that will focus on online safety. There will be a particular focus on using social media and appropriate and safe online behaviours.

Last year we shared with you that we were aware that many children are part of WhatsApp groups with other children in their class and that this was causing a significant amount of issues in school. This continues to be the case. A WhatsApp social media guide for parents is available here [WhatsApp safety: a how to guide for parents - Internet Matters](#)

We strongly suggest:

- Phones, tablets and iPads are not in children's rooms at night and that all use of technology is in a shared space such as the kitchen or lounge
- You regularly check your child's internet behaviour and have a clear understanding of what games they are playing
- You filter the internet so that your child cannot see harmful or offensive things. This website is very useful <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
- You teach your child to report anything they see which might be offensive or frightening
- Don't send your child to bed with a mobile device
- Do not download apps which are not age appropriate (Users of WhatsApp should be 13 or over to register)
- Disable chat functions on games
- Teach your child how to screen shot anything worrying or offensive

I hope this will be useful to you.

Best wishes,

Miss J Lea

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Mrs Amanda Aze

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