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Dear parents

We take online safety very seriously here at Brookhurst and we would like to support you and your children with online safety risks, issues and concerns. As we are well aware, children can access the internet from various devices - computer, smart phones, tablets, gaming consoles and social media apps such as Whatsapp, Tik Tok and Instagram etc, along with video streaming such as YouTube.

If you have any concerns or issues, please contact school and ask to speak to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (Ms Stanton, Mr Hughes, Miss Morris or Mrs Taylor). You can also email any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (email addresses can be found on our website).

Children in school are used to having monitoring in place whenever they use the internet. When at home, it is advisable to ensure that your internet has the appropriate filters enabled to ensure that your children can not access inappropriate material.

Please ensure that your children are adequately supervised and supported by an adult during any time they are online.

There are many resources available to support parents with Online Safety:



UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk) - you can find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.





CEOP is part of the National Crime Agency and is dedicated to tackling the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and young people.

CEOP's Thinkuknow education programme for children of all ages and parents/carers has a very useful website - www.thinkuknow.co.uk



The NSPCC provide comprehensive e-safety information for parents/carers as well as advice about how to talk with your children and helping them manage what they see and share online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Internet Matters has useful information on how to put restrictions on devices, which are clear and simple to understand. www.internetmatters.org

They have an excellent section about Social Media Safety -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>



The advised search engine for children in Warwickshire schools is swiggle - a customised search engine from Google for safe searching. It cuts down on side clutter and advertising. There is also a Swiggle extension that can be downloaded, with a "hide screen" button so that if children do download something unexpected they can hide the screen immediately and then seek adult help. www.swiggle.co.uk

If you have any further questions, worries or concerns about Online-Safety please do not hesitate in contacting us at school.

