



Ferndale Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents,

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E-safety

The internet is an amazing resource that enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your child has better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities.

Here at Ferndale, we take E-safety extremely seriously and as a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child stay safe online. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to share some websites that help offer advice and information about supporting and keeping your child safe online.

We would also like to bring to your attention the following:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c255806071xt/tiktok&link_location=live-reporting-story

The Internet is a wonderful resource but as you can see from the above article can also, when not used or supervised correctly, be a dangerous place so I urge you to look through the links provided and talk to your child **constantly** and **repeatedly** about being safe online. **You are key in helping your child stay safe online.**

Support and advice websites:

UK Safer Internet Centre - Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

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

NSPCC - It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, NSPCC can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Childnet International – Whether you are puzzled by parental controls or would like to get knowledgeable about gaming this website can help point you in the right direction

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Internet Matters – Helping parents keep their children safe online <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Thinkuknow – Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP command, a UK organisation that protects children both online and offline

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

National Online Safety – Amongst a range of support, National Online Safety produce a free platform guide for schools to share with parents. These guides offer the latest 'knowhow' on social media, gaming, apps etc. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday>

Kind regards

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