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Monday 7th February

Re: Safer Internet Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our children are growing up in a world where they have a greater number of activities and opportunities online than ever before. At the **Goldsbrough Sicklinghall Federation** we are committed to teaching the children how to use this invaluable resource in a way which supports their educational and emotional wellbeing and keeps them safe.

February 8th is Safer Internet Day and we will be taking part in a range of activities which will consolidate and develop our knowledge of internet safety. Safer Internet Day 2022 is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about life online, and especially this year's theme, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this you may be interested in downloading the **free** Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents and carers which is available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

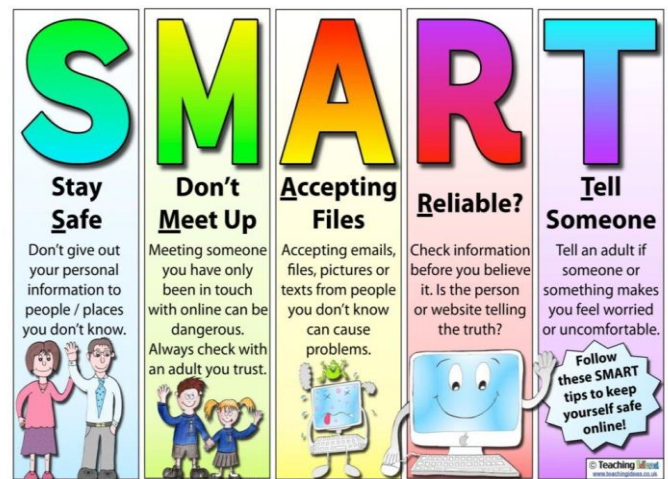
There are a few suggestions below and further links and ideas can be found on the Safeguarding page of the school website.

In school we teach the children the Kidsmart safety code to be SMART online. You could ask them to teach you too!

Kidsmart has been developed by the Childnet charity and has been endorsed by the Department for Education. They also provide a parents and carers toolkit which can be found at <https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

The main aspects of this approach are:

- **Safe** - Staying safe involves being careful and not giving out your name, address, mobile phone no., school name or password to people online.
- **Meeting** someone unknown that you meet online could be dangerous. Only do so with your parents'/carers' permission and then when they are present.
- **Accepting** e-mails or opening files from people you don't really know or trust can get you into trouble - they may contain viruses or nasty messages.
- **Reliable** - someone online may be lying and not be who they say they are. If you feel uncomfortable when chatting or messaging end the conversation.
- **Tell** your parent or carer if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.



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



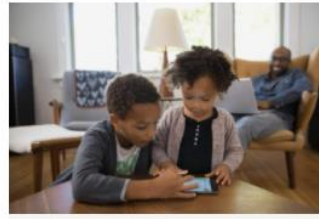
Keeping your under 5 safe online

[Find out more](#)



Jessie & Friends: for 4 - 7 year olds

[Find out more](#)



Using parental controls

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What is the Internet of Things (IoT)?

[Find out more](#)

You can find links to many other sites which support parents in keeping their children safe online on our school website under the Safeguarding and online safety tab:

<https://www.sicklinghallprimary.co.uk/parents/safeguarding-and-online-safety>

Please talk to your children about their knowledge of internet safety and support them in staying safe online.

Yours sincerely,



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