

Online Safety Update Summer 2023

Welcome to the summer edition of the online safety updates. Amazingly, we are nearly mid-way through the summer term and before long will be thinking about the summer holidays. This probably means more unmonitored screen time for some of our children and that can be a scary thought. Especially when that time is online in an unfiltered, unrestricted environment. Hopefully you will find some things below helpful to continue to keep your children safe when accessing the internet at home.

App Spotlights

Over the few weeks a few things have been brought to our attention by our wider community and we thought it was appropriate to share these with everyone...



Reddit is an online platform where users can share and discuss content on various topics through communities called subreddits. It serves as a hub for people to engage in conversations, ask questions, share news and stories, and vote on posts and comments to determine their visibility. It currently has an age restriction of 13 but a lot of the themes on some of the subreddits can often be hugely inappropriate for primary school aged children.



Temu is a shopping portal, a little bit like Wish. The twist here is that it offers games to play and in exchange for free things. It then uses some suspect marketing tricks to get users to purchase items that often take months to arrive. It currently has an age restriction of 18 and is certainly one to stay away from.

Parent Control Links



Anti-Virus

Have you thought about your anti-virus protection recently? What about protection for your mobile phones, or smart devices you might have such as TVs, assistants or even light bulbs? If not, ESET – a world leading anti-virus protection software company – are offering all friends of the school a **50%** discount on their software, and will also donate **£5** to the school for every copy bought. It's the same company that Google themselves use, so it can't be bad! If you want to find out more, feel free to pop in for a chat or visit eset.com/uk/internet-security Don't forget to use the code **GEORGIAN** for the discount!



O2 have been in touch with us at school about their new hub for keeping children safe online. It has a range of helpful articles to keep you informed and up to date. Check it out by clicking the picture below.



Tips and Tricks

There are fewer regulations protecting children online than there are for the sale of eggs!

That might have got your attention, but sadly it is true. The financial times have created a very interesting, engaging look at parent responsibility when keeping our children safe online. This is a very thought provoking watch, but do check it out and we would be really interested to hear your thoughts on it. Oh and it isn't really one for the younger children. Click or scan the QR code to see it.



Have you seen the parent guides on our website?

As always, please remember, if there is anything you are unsure of, please don't hesitate to ask and we will do our best to find an answer. Or if something worries you, make sure you complete our online safety concern reporting form on our website or [here!](#)



Team Online Safety

Don't forget – if you still haven't had a chance to check out the video I shared at the meet the teacher meetings, please do have a look here (scan or click the QR code) when the children aren't about. It really is worth a watch...



Be kind, stay safe.