



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Year 5 and Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you about the information PC Paul and PC Abbie shared with the children to help keep themselves safe on the internet. They didn't want the children to be scared of the internet, rather know the dangers so that the children and their families could put safeguards in place to avoid them.

Lots of the information in the presentation came from the website below:

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

The main dangers PC Paul described for the children were:

- Cyber bullying
- Hacking
- Identify fraud
- Scamming
- Viruses
- Resending unkind messages
- Ignoring age limits so that children were viewing unsuitable content

#### Age limits

He then showed the children the age limits for some of the applications they might engage with. Hopefully, this will be useful for parents as well.

- Youtube – Aged 13 or older.
- WhatsApp - Aged 16 or older.
- Instagram – Aged 13 or older.
- Snapchat – Aged 13 or older.
- Tik Tok - Aged 13 or older.

Parents and families will make their own decisions about what they think is safe for their own children. However, over the next two weeks, we will send out a range of information sheets for most of the applications above to help parents make these decisions. Families will want to monitor their child's use in some ways and this may lead to questions around which places that are best for your child to access the internet, particularly as they move into Year 5 and 6 and may have a mobile phone. Some families solve this by children only using their phone downstairs.

The first help sheet is from the NSPCC and can be accessed through this link. It is about chat apps.

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

If you have any questions about this letter or any of the help sheets, please contact me by speaking to me in the playground, telephoning 01709 760471 or [school@wce.jmat.org.uk](mailto:school@wce.jmat.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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