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Berrybrook's Parent E-safety Newsletter



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

In this last E-safety newsletter of the school year, I have identified some of the latest safety information and guidance about the use of the Internet and apps your child may be using.

During these difficult times, the NSPCC have set up advice for parents. "Safety in lockdown."

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/>

If you have any concerns or would like any more information about E-safety, please do not hesitate to contact us.

BE SHARE AWARE

It can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games or know how to keep them safe.

That's why the NSPCC provide parents with information and guidance about the internet and to help you teach your children to be 'Share Aware'.

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

ALL ABOUT DIGITAL AMBASSADORS



Digital Ambassadors are a group of children from Berrybrook who support others when they are worried and help them to feel safe online particularly when they are playing games, which could include chatting systems.

Their role in school is to help everyone who may need it and if you ask them a question, they will be there! They are always ready to answer questions and help to solve any problems you may face online. They'll try their best to make sure everybody gets help if they need it and if they don't know the answer, they will find out for you!

They have learnt about appropriate and inappropriate uses of the internet and they would like to remind you to use friendly websites that are appropriate for your age and if you are worried about something you see, remember to report it or block it! One thing children can do online is play games and chat but sometimes you may be chatting to people you don't know and this can not be safe as you may hear inappropriate language. Also, remember that a lot of games (even some of the ones we play) have age limits on them, this is to keep you safe:

Fortnite 12+ Call of Duty 18+ GTA is 16+ Roblox 12+ WhatsApp 13+ SnapChat 13+

If you need our help, you will be able to find them in Year 6!

Super Ambassadors: Keeping Berrybrook Safe Online!

Talk to someone about online safety

If you have a question or need support and advice about keeping your children safe online, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help.



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APPS TO BE AWARE OF...



imo

imo is a free video, voice and chat app that lets you talk to your contacts one-on-one or in groups. The app also connects you to people you don't know through turning on your location and connecting with people close by. Because of this feature, we don't think it's appropriate for under 18s.

Expert view of the risks...



Slap Kings



Slap Kings is a free mobile game where you virtually slap your opponent in the face to earn points and go up levels. You play against the game, rather than other players, and there aren't any communication features. The game has overtly violent theme

Expert view of the risks...



Houseparty



Houseparty is a free video chat app where you can talk to people one-on-one or in groups of up to eight, with people you know and people you might not. You can also play games with the people you're chatting to.

Expert view of the risks...



Visit the most up to date information on the latest apps on the NSPCC NET-AWARE site. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks>.

Don't forget to check out our school website for

E-safety lessons and advice:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/watch/

**INTERNET SAFETY ADVICE:
TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS**

1. Discover the internet together.
2. Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home.
3. Encourage your child to be careful when disclosing personal information.
4. Talk about the risks associated with meeting online "friends" in person.
5. Teach your child about evaluating information. Ask, is it reliable and credible?
6. Don't be too critical towards your child's exploration of the Internet.
7. Let your children show you what they like to do online.
8. Remember that the positive aspects of the Internet outweigh the negatives.

For detailed information on each step visit: <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/advice-top-10-tips-for-parents/>

OTHERS APPS TO THINK ABOUT...

- * YouTube
- * Instagram
- * Tik Tok
- * Snap Chat
- * Roblox
- * Minecraft



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>