SUPPORT *YOUR*

Internet Safety Support

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Internet Safety at Tallis

At Tallis we believe that internet safety at home, school and on the move is highly important to safeguard our students. Encouraging them to have a positive presence online is vital.
Tallis have an e safety policy for all parents to access on our school website. http://www.thomastallisschool.com/policies--guidelines.html

The use of the internet at school is carefully monitored and there are controls in place that do not allow students to access harmful and inappropriate material.
During PSCHE lessons (Personal Social Citizen Health Education) students are taught about the importance of internet safety and what they can do to keep themselves safe when online.

Parents and schools need to work together to keep children safe online. School will contact parents if they have any online concerns or any incidents take place involving your child. Parents should also inform school if they have any concerns online at home, whether that be involving their child or another child at the school.

How parents can help

- Talk to your child and find out where they go online, who they chat with, what they do and who gets in touch with them
- Remind them that they must treat people online with the same respect as you would face-to-face
- Set privacy controls and talk about what this means
- Talk about what they should share, and what they might want to keep private
- Show how things like privacy tools can help
- Remind them that friends online are different to friends offline as you can never be sure who they really are
- Let them know that if they are unhappy about anything that happens online, to speak to you about it so you can help

Tips and advice

- Don't assume your child knows more than you - children don't always know how to use blocking and repor>ng tools. So it's your responsibility to find out what the tools are on the services you have provided for your children use.

- If you are unsure how to set parental controls and blocks contact your service provider and they will be able to help

- encourage your child to **Be Share Aware** and keep children safe online. Some>mes sharing personal informa>on and photos online can be dangerous.

- Switch off or adjust sen gs using GPS or loca>on tracking. Lots of apps and social networking sites use soQware to locate where the user is. This means that people can find out where your child lives, socialises, works or studies.

- Some 'free' games might ask your child to fill out lots of details before they can play and then illegally rent or sell this data on to others. Make sure your child asks your permission before signing up to anything.

People that can help

If you have any concerns involving your child or another child at **School** please contact
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If you want help to set up parental controls, adjust privacy sen gs or get advice on social networks. Experts from the **NSPCC** can help.
hWps://www.nspcc.org.uk/preven>ng-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
0808 8005002

If you have come across something you think might be illegal online, then you can report this to the **Internet Watch Founda>on** (IWF). It's their job to make sure that things like this are taken off the internet.
www.iwf.org.uk

If your child needs someone to talk to because of anything which has upset them, it could be something online which they wish they hadn't seen. Children can ring **Childline** and speak to trained counsellors.
0800 1111

If you would like more informa>on please visit
hWps://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

If you need immediate help or have a real emergency
Call 999 or contact your **Local Police**

The risks

- **Inappropriate content**. Children may see illegal or unsuitable content online. Some websites show illegal content. Others might have unregulated advice or be meant for adults only. Children may come across this content by mistake, or they may look for it because they're curious.
- **Ignoring age restric>ons**. Some websites and games use age restric>ons. Children must be at least 13 to register on most social networking websites. But there's not a lot standing in the way of children joining
- **Friending people they don't know.** Children and young people may chat or become 'friends' with people on social networks or online games, even if they don't know them or have never met them in person. This makes children vulnerable.
- **Grooming and sexual abuse.** Grooming is when someone builds an emo>onal connec>on with a child to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse or exploita>on, and oQen happens online.
- **Running up debts.** Many online games are free but offer the chance to buy items such as extra lives. So children may run up big bills without realising.
- **Cyberbullying** takes place using electric technology. This can include text messages, emails, rumours sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles.