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Online safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Parkland Primary we take internet safety very seriously. As well as teaching pupils about internet safety through our Computing Curriculum, we also cover this topic during our PSHE lessons and this is a core part of our curriculum. In particular, it is part of our work on safeguarding pupils. This year we will also be reviewing our anti-bullying policy and will also focus on helping to prevent cyber bullying.

As a school, we are dealing with increasing numbers of issues related to internet use at home. This includes where pupils are accessing websites and different social media sites. In many cases, pupils are accessing websites which have age restrictions of at least 13. Whilst we do cover these issues within the school curriculum, I would strongly encourage you to check your child's internet use.

We understand how challenging it can be to monitor this use. Below are a number of links which will help you to understand how best you can ensure your child is using the internet safely.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/My-child-has-shared-too-much-online/>

As part of our support for parents in this area, Liz Braithwaite, who is the Lead Professional for Safeguarding and Wellbeing for Discovery Schools Academy Trust, will be available at our Parent's Evening on Wednesday 11th October.

How safe is your child online? Do you know how to protect them?

Parkland Parent Workshop on 11.10.17 from 3:30-6pm

We all want to keep our children safe but trying to stay ahead of your children with digital technology is becoming harder all the time. There are a lot of dangers that our children could face and we would like to work with you to help protect them as much as possible. This session will provide advice and support on online bullying, grooming, talking to strangers, risks with some Apps, why there are age restrictions for games and using social media carefully. Please come along and join us!

Bring along any devices you have and we will show you how to apply parental controls and restrictions.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Bishop
Headteacher