



Thursday 15th December 2022

Staying Safe Online Over Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the Christmas period, we understand that pupils may have more opportunities to play online as they will have more free time. We also understand that some pupils may be receiving digital devices from Father Christmas.

In school this week, we have discussed online safety over the Christmas period and what to do if children see or hear something that makes them feel uncomfortable while online. We shared the following advice with children:

- If you do go online to play games, make sure you know the people you are playing with
- Only play with people online that you know (that you have met in person before)
- If you are going online to play with friends or family for the first time, message them first to obtain their username before accepting them as a friend online so that you are playing with the correct person. You may want to ask your parents to help with this
- If you see something online that upsets you, tell your parents straight away so that they can help you deal with the concern

To support you in setting up new devices or even to check and make sure that the privacy setting on your child's device is correct, I have included some information on how to amend privacy settings on various devices including your internet provider. This will help to give you piece of mind that when your child is online, you have set the devices up to protect them from harmful content.

If you have any concerns regarding online safety over Christmas, please email the school office admin@dsatparkland.org

I hope you have a restful Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hayes