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| Bolney CEP School | Online Safety Newsletter– January 2021 | | |
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| Dear Parents | | |
| As we are in our now in the third lockdown and not in school, children will be using technology for remote learning and for keeping in touch with their friends. The children I have been spoken to both in school and at home have been telling me about using FaceTime, WhatsApp and games they play such as Roblox to communicate with their friends which is fantastic and so important for their well-being. See below for advice on how to keep our children communicating as safely as they can using these apps and games. | | |
| |  | | --- | | Latest advice, current news and where to get supportChildren With Online Communication Concept Stock Photo, Picture And Royalty  Free Image. Image 113436041.In our December newsletter we mentioned the Fake or Real news debate. Common Sense Media have put together a video that highlights 5 ways you can spot whether something is fake or real. Take a look using this link:<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/how-to-spot-fake-news-and-teach-kids-to-be-media-savvy> Our children are using technology to complete their home learning and to be able to keep in touch with their friends. Therefore it is vital that as parents we know about parental settings and how we can help them have a safe online space through the different settings on our different devices and apps. Internet Matters.Org have put together a Set up Safe checklist. This link to the checklist tells you everything you need to know about how to set parental controls on your broadband, then how to set up the device safely as well as tips on talking to your child about online safety. Find the website here:  <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> | | C:\Users\cjames\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\9FD0D9FC.tmp These are the latest statistics we need to be aware of regarding children and the use of technology:  49% of parents have talked to their children about online safety this month  42% of children now own a tablet or device of their own- up by 7% from last year  49% of children prefer to watch YouTube rather than TV  In addition in the 11-14 age bracket in particular, 69% have a Facebook profile despite having to be 13 to have an account.  Apparently 12.6 million people, including children use a smart speaker. There are many advantages to using these devices as with all technology so it is important we also know of the implications. On page 1 there is a link that will take you to how to set up parental controls but here you can more advice on using smart speakers- advantages and concerns:  <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/smart-speakers-set-up-safe-guide/>  As our children are going to continue to want to see their friends, these social media sites are recommended on the Internet Matters website that are safe for our children to use and are worth investigating and can found on the link below:  6-10 Years  Spotlite (formerly known as Kudos)  Playkids Talk  Gobubble  11+  Kidzworld  Popiam  <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/> | | | | |
|  | Lastly, the London Grid for Learning website have recorded children talking about a term called ‘Kick or Kicking’ that you may hear the children use or that the children may mention if they are taking part in group chats, it is worth watching, it can be found on this link:  <https://lgfl.planetestream.com/View.aspx?id=872~3E~OC9amf> | |

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| West Sussex Staying Safe Online newsletter have promoted a service from West Sussex Libraries. They offer a Remote Digital Support Service giving basic support from digital volunteers giving support and advice either by phone or online. Areas they can help with are:   * General internet searching * Using a device to connect with others for video conferencing * Using email * Staying Safe Online   They are available Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. You can call them on this number: 0330 222 3455 or email them on: [**library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk**](mailto:library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk) | | | | | | |
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| Staying safe online | Internet safety tips | Kids Helpline | |  | As always, if you would like further support or have any questions, please contact me by email at:  [cjames@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:cjames@bolneyprimary.school), Mrs Clare James | | | |
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