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IMPORTANT E- SAFETY ADVICE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been aware of some very inappropriate behaviour from some children in Year 6, on sites such as Tick Tok and Instagram. At school, we take the safety of our pupils very seriously, including their safety while they access the internet/ use of mobile phones etc. We want this approach to e-safety to spread to the home online environment too and we are therefore sharing with you some tips and resources to help guide your children and help you keep up to date in an ever-changing digital world. Here are a few tips to help you keep your children safe on line:

- **Think u know** (<https://thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/primary>) is always a good place to start- you will see the report abuse button that your child will know about from the school. This is also on the school website.



- Another site that is helpful for parent controls is UK Safer Internet Centre (<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>)

This site advises us to take the four steps:

1. Have **ongoing conversations with your children** about staying safe online.
2. Use **safety tools on social networks and other online services- children under the age of 13 should not be using Facebook/ Instagram sites due to the advertising.**
3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet.
4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in our Parents 'Guide to Technology.

Digital Parenting is another useful website to look at <http://www.pitda.co.uk>. This advises you to set "ground rules" by making a family agreement for all to adhere to.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe on line. We do recommend that children should refrain from using devices too much at home, as this often leads to sleep deprivation, anxiety and a lack of desire to learn and develop key social and observational skills.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs H Roberts (Headteacher)