Christ Church CE (c) Primary School

E-Safety & Safeguarding (Issue 7)

Welcome to the Spring term e-safety and safeguarding newsletter.

This term, our e-safety and safeguarding newsletter will focus on one of our children's favourite games and looks at ways we can broach conversations about safety on the internet, even with our youngest pupils.

Game spotlight - Minecraft

Minecraft is often defined as a virtual Lego game, which can be played on various consoles or online.

The online version of the game can prompt concerns from children about who else might be playing, talking to strangers, viruses that might be attached to the game and the possibility of online bullying.

The NSPCC has developed an excellent guide – one in a vast series – for parents to understand more about the content of the game and to know how to reduce any risks online whilst playing.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/minecraft-pdf.pdf

You can also find more information about how the game works and the various different modes that children can use, both on- and off-line.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/

Talk to someone about online safety

Whether you want to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help.**0808 800 5002**

How can I talk to my young children about e-safety without worrying them?

We know that parents often find it difficult to speak to their young children about online safety, as they are often concerned that their children will be frightened or anxious. We regularly speak to our pupils about how to stay safe online and ensure that they know that they must always tell an adult if they come across something that upsets them.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk has developed a useful new resource called *Jessie and friends* for children aged 4-7. Jessie, Tia and Mo feature in 3 short animations which tackle issues around online safety. Each episode also comes with a story book so that you can continue your conversation together after watching the clips.

Developing digital resilience

One of our school values is resilience and we hope to develop this in our pupils, both in their attitude towards challenge and in their online activities. Vodafone has produced two animated stories as part of their work towards Internet Safety Day 2019; these short videos feature two characters, Sally and Tommy, who share their key message – *if things go wrong online, they can be sorted out by people you trust.*

https://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/blogs/story-time-books-help-children-be-resilient-online.html

The videos are aimed at children aged 4-9 and carefully advise what they should do if they are concerned about anything online.

Let us know what you think.

Thank you, as always, for your support this term. The next e-safety and safeguarding letter will be out next term, keeping you informed about current apps and news.

Please contact us via the school office if you have any suggestions for future newsletters or workshops within school.

Have a lovely Easter!