



## Online Safety Bulletin Issue 1 - December 2016

### Welcome!

"Today, families use a whole range of devices that allow us to get online almost anywhere, at any time, and communicate with almost anyone using social media," Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs & sustainability Vodafone UK

### Online Safety Workshops

Developing children's digital resilience is a priority for you as parents and us as a school. By doing this, we will allow children to benefit from the exciting opportunities the internet has to offer while also being aware of how to stay safe when using it, and what to do if something goes wrong.

Thank you to the parents who attended our sessions this term. Unfortunately, only 6.4% of parents attended these sessions, we will be holding further sessions during the Summer Term - Thursday 25th May - 9am until 10am & 6pm until 7pm

The points covered were Parental controls, Cyberbullying, appropriate use of pictures, talking to your child and also apps to be aware of. Some of the points covered are detailed below and further information is available on our website ([www.rushall.walsall.sch.uk](http://www.rushall.walsall.sch.uk)), please go to the Parents section then Online Safety.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school.

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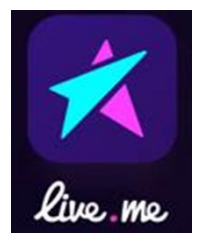
### App – AMINO

We have recently been informed of an app called "Amino". The app allows users to create fictitious profiles and appears very child-like with colourful cartoon characters. The app allows children to chat with strangers and could be quite easily overlooked by parents. Please attend one of our Online Safety Workshops to find out more.



### App – Live Me

Live.Me is an app where you can connect and share via live video. The concerns related to it are due to sharing content in real time with strangers and the ability to share these on social media. Please remind children of the dangers of communicating with strangers and issues relating to taking video and sharing e.g behaving appropriately, not being in school uniform and being fully dressed. This should be delivered in a sensitive manner.



### Online Safety Top Tips

- Talk to your child about what they're up to online.
- Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.
- Keep up-to-date with your child's development online.
- Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.
- Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.
- Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.