



# Rushall Primary School

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## Online Safety Bulletin Issue 2 – February 2017

### Welcome!

Welcome to our latest Online Safety Newsletter. We will be using these newsletters to provide you with regular updates about Online safety. Additional 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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### Bring in your device days

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. We are looking at holding 'Bring in your device' days for children and parents, where we can show you how to set controls and restrictions and to check if your security is up to date. Look out for these coming soon!



### App – Yellow

We have recently been informed of an app called "Yellow". The app allows you to 'chat and find new friends'. The concerns related to it are due to the ability to contact strangers. Please remind children of the dangers of communicating with strangers.

### App – Roblox

This app is available on phones, tablets and game consoles. Although this is a game, there is a chat feature that most people are not aware of. Because of this chat feature child might be unaware of who they are speaking to and there may be inappropriate messages posted. Please remind children of the dangers of communicating with strangers, and not to talk to people who they do not know in the 'real world'.

### Parental Controls

I have recently been asked about Parental Controls, these greatly differ depending on the device used. Most Internet providers now provide filtering for your whole internet connection, I have the links for BT, Sky and Virgin below.

<https://www.productsandservices.bt.com/products/manage-broadband-extras/>  
<http://www.sky.com/shop/broadband-talk/broadband-shield/staying-safe-online>  
<http://www.virginmedia.com/shop/broadband/parental-control.html>

This will allow you to apply parental control over your whole internet connection. No filtering or parental controls are 100% effective, therefore there still may be unsuitable content that gets through these filters. Remind children to tell you if they come across anything unsuitable and to close the webpage/app straight away.



### Safer Internet Day

We will be taking part in this year's Safer Internet Day, throughout this week, we will be holding assemblies and taking part in activities during Computing and PSHE lessons. This year's focus is about how children and young people of different ages view, create and share images.

