



Online Safety Bulletin Issue 5 – October 2017

Welcome!

Welcome to our latest Online Safety Newsletter. Additional information is available on our website - 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 Alert

There is a fairly new app that is very popular, though you have to be 18 to use it.

This anonymous-commentary app launched in February; loosely translated, its name means “honesty” in Arabic. The app, theoretically, does what it says on the tin: It allows users to submit honest comments, questions, and critiques to their peers. How do you know they’re honest? Because the comments are submitted anonymously.

Please consider the dangers of this app as there have been reports of bullying.

Top Tips for parents

- 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.
- Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.



Please remember to talk you your child about what they do online, keeping up to date with any developments and the sites they use.

Online Safety Drop-in Sessions

We will be holding our Online Safety Drop-in on Tuesday 21st November. This year’s sessions will be more informal and run like a drop-in where we will allow children to ‘Bring in your device’; we can show you how to set controls and restrictions and to check if your security is up to date. We will also provide tips on how to use You Tube safely to help you and your child stay safe on this popular site.

Although this is a drop-in, please can you return the slip below to the school office, so we can ensure there is adequate refreshments and room.



Online Safety Drop-in session

Name of Child _____ Class _____

I wish to attend the Online Safety information drop-in session on Tuesday 21st November at 9am.

I wish to attend the Online Safety information drop-in session on Tuesday 21st November at 6pm.

Sorry I cannot attend, but would be interested in attending another session.

Signed: _____

Name of Parent: _____

