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Dear Parents and Carers

At Grampian Primary Academy, we take the safety of all our pupils very seriously and this includes their safety online. We have a number of procedures in place at school to keep our pupils safe when using the internet and we know that you would like this to extend to their home online environment too. We also know that it can be extremely difficult to navigate the various parental advice websites and keep up to date with the latest trends such as Fortnite. To help we have put links to all the most informative websites on our E safety page at www.grampianprimary.org.uk

E-safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school. We also want to help our parents and children improve their own understanding of e-safety issues so they can learn to use the internet and all digital media in a safe and secure way.

At School

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of computer skills, we provide access to the internet only in teacher supervised lessons. We strongly believe that the use of the web and email is hugely worthwhile and an essential tool for children as they grow up in the modern world. But because there are always concerns about children having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school internet access provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials.

In school each class discusses how we can all stay safe online and the dangers we may face on the internet. We then ask every child in KS2 to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement so that we know they have read and understood our school's rules on staying safe. We also have an Acceptable Use Agreement for our younger children. A copy of these agreements can be found on our E-Safety page on the school website.

At Home

As a parent you'll know how important the internet is to children - they use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves. It's a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. But the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online - such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing illegal or inappropriate content.

Working together to keep our children safe

We recognise that parents and carers can find the internet and new technology a daunting place as the pace of change within digital technology is phenomenal. Keeping up with our children is quite a challenge and therefore identifying potential risk is difficult.



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Top Tips For Parents

1. Know WHO your child is talking to, WHAT they're doing, and WHERE they're going online
2. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online
3. Check the sites that they are visiting and be aware of what the site allows i.e.: chatting to other users online
4. Use safety tools like privacy settings on social networks and other online services
5. Use the parental controls on your home internet
6. Discuss together and create boundaries and rules for the amount of time your child can spend online
7. Share your technology rules with grandparents, babysitters and older siblings

In January, we are inviting all parents and carers to an E-Safety workshop. The workshop will be delivered by an Online Safety Specialist, Traci Good. The workshop aims to raise awareness, empower parents and carers and provides ideas to implement at home. We hope many parents and carers are able to join us for this event. We have provisionally set this for Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 6pm. This workshop is for parents and carers and the content is not appropriate for children. In order to ensure the workshop has maximum impact, we are asking for parents and carers to express early interest in attending. Please return the slip below confirming your interest and availability.

Traci will also be working with our Year 5 and Year 6 children as part of our E-Safety curriculum to ensure the children are confident in accessing the online world safely and know how to keep themselves safe.

In the interim, please do take a look at our E safety page on the school website for more information and if you are at all worried about your child's safety online please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. M. Murfin
Headteacher

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I would like to express my interest in attending the Online Safety Workshop

I can attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22nd January at 6pm

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