



# Online Safety Newsletter Issue 8 – January 2019

## Welcome!

Welcome to our latest Online Safety Newsletter. Additional information is available on Rushall's website - [www.rushall.walsall.sch.uk](http://www.rushall.walsall.sch.uk); please go to the Parents section then Online Safety, or you can speak to Kelvin Stephens (Online Safety Lead).



### Talk about Online Safety

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world? Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online - just like you would their day at school - is the best way to keep them safe. You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried.

### New gadgets

Did Father Christmas leave some new tech for your children under the tree? 📱 The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect, but it's important we keep them safe online, like we do in the real world. For advice, visit: <http://bit.ly/25G8Lkx>

### Safer Internet Day

We will be taking part in this year's Safer Internet Day, which will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Throughout this week, we will be holding assemblies and taking part in activities during Computing and PSHE lessons. This year's focus is about consent and permission. Keep checking the school blogs for further information.



### New Apps & Social Networks

How safe are the sites, apps and games your child uses? Run in partnership with O2, Net Aware offers parents, useful information about each social network, including the age guidance for users. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

**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 Sessions

We will be holding our Online Safety sessions on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am and 2pm at Rushall. These sessions will be more informal and run like a support session where we will allow children and parents 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 be discussing Acceptable Use and family agreements and also provide tips on how to use You Tube safely to help you and your child stay safe on this popular site.

Please can you return the slip below to the school office if you wish to attend.



### Online Safety Sessions

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ School & Class \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to attend the Online Safety information session on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.
- I wish to attend the Online Safety information session on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.
- Sorry I cannot attend.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_