

Aldersbrook Primary School



Headteacher:

Mr B.Hughes

Monday 3rd February 2020

E-SAFETY

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been brought to our attention that a number of Year 5 and 6 children are accessing social media platforms and online games.

The minimum age limit for many of these apps and sites is 13-years-old, with some, including [Whatsapp](#), being 16-years-old. Apps such as [Youtube](#), [Instagram](#), [Snapchat](#), [TikTok](#) and Whatsapp, along with communication networks through [games consoles](#) and games such as Fortnite have all been mentioned. Some of these sites are not secure and content can be accessed by anyone across the world.

We will continue to promote [E-Safety](#) through our computing lessons, workshops and dedicated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February 2020. Our Computing Leader, Mr Hussain, has had extensive training in online safety – with some of these resources available [here](#). They include details of sharing personal information, such as your name, location or images, including school branded clothing, and how data is stored, copied and used.

We need the support of parents to make the choice of whether or not their children access social media. If you choose to allow your child access, please be aware that you are responsible for monitoring the content that they create and are exposed to. Please click this [link](#) to view a CEOP video we show to pupils about staying safe online.

Any content shared or uploaded onto the Internet can be available forever and creates a digital tattoo. Schools, Universities and employers use software to search applicant names – allowing them to make a judgement of an individual based on their online profile. We need the support of parents/carers to ensure children are safe when using communication devices outside of school. Please also discuss any content you are sharing of your children on your own social media platforms.

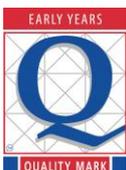
Aldersbrook Primary School takes Cyber Bullying very seriously. If you have been made aware of incidents of online bullying, this includes anything which may make a child feel uncomfortable or upset, across any online platform, you must provide the school with evidence of the abuse for us to investigate further. In some, more serious, instances we will contact the Police.

If you are aware of any issues or have any concerns, please approach us and we will take any further action that is required.

Yours faithfully,

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