E-safety @ Seaham Harbour Nursery School

At Seaham Harbour Nursery School we work with staff, governors, pupils and parents/carers to create a school community which values the use of new technologies in enhancing learning, encourages responsible use of ICT and follows agreed policies to minimize potential e-safety risks.

At home, sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet. This, potentially, allows them to gain access to social media sites where strangers can come virtually into their homes.

As a result, it is essential that we all know how to stay safe online.

Our school community
- Discusses monitors and reviews our e-safety policy on a regular basis.
- Supports staff in the use of ICT as an essential tool for enhancing learning and in the embedding of e-safety across the whole school curriculum.
- Ensures that pupils are aware of the potential e-safety risks associated with the use of ICT and only access the internet in nursery with adult supervision. Additionally, we ensure that all e-safety concerns are dealt with sensitively and effectively and that pupils are happy to tell an adult if they feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.
- Provides opportunities on our website for parents/carers to find and read e-safety information to enable them to support their children in developing good e-safety behaviour. The school will report back to parents/carers regarding e-safety concerns.
- Seeks to learn from e-safety good practice elsewhere and utilises the support of the LA and relevant organisations.

Support for Parents and Carers
- *Explore e-safety sites* - There are lots of links to useful e-safety sites for children. They are great fun to explore, so why not browse through them with your children.
- *Keep your computer in a shared area* - Talk to your child about what they are doing online and, if possible, set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can all share in the wonderful sites that are available online.
- *Keep passwords private* - Remember that passwords should be kept private and not shared with others. Explain this to your child and encourage them to keep their password a secret.
- *Use child friendly search engines* – Consider using a children's filtered search engine and critically view all content as some websites are not what they appear.
- *Develop ICT skills alongside a range of other activities* – Time spent online should be monitored to help prevent obsessive use of the internet. Children need to develop a range of activities many of which will be offline.

If you have any concerns about safety online, please contact the school.

Here are links to useful websites where you can learn more about being safe on the Internet:
Information for Children:
- http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe
- http://www.disney.co.uk/DisneyOnline/Safesurfing/

Information for Parents and Carers:

- Think U Know - containing internet safety advice for those aged from 5 to 16, along with parents and teachers, this site is produced by CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).
- Vodafone Parents - Vodafone have lots of fantastic practical advice for parents. You can also read their 'Digital Parenting' magazine.
- Kidsmart - An award-winning internet safety programme for children.
- Know IT All - lots of useful advice for keeping yourselves and your children safe on the Internet.
- Bullying UK - Information and advice about bullying for children, parents and schools.
- Kidscape - An organisation which helps to prevent bullying and child abuse.
- Childline - ChildLine is the free helpline for children and young people in the UK