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Welcome to the new edition of the Greengate Lane Academy E-Safety newsletter.

The newsletter will be produced each term and will be available online at: www.greengatelane.sheffield.sch.uk

The aim of this newsletter is to give parents, carers and pupils up to date news and information about how to stay safe online both in school and at home. On the following pages you are given website which has some excellent online safety information for parents, carers and children. There is also some information on the more popular apps that children access.

We will continue to inform you any new developments in E-Safety and how you can keep yourself and your child safe online.

If there are any articles you would like to see in the newsletter or if you would like further information on any of the articles in this newsletter please see **Mrs McConnell**.

Remember the SMART rules to stay safe:

S: Be Safe

M: Don't Meeet Up

A: Accepting Emails can be Dangerous

R: Reliable?

T: Tell Someone!

E-Safety Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the E-Safety Survey.

We are pleased that we received 77 (or 43%) of the surveys back.

We will run another survey in September

ThinkUKnow

This is a very easy to use website with a great deal of information for children, parents and carers.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

The website is easy to navigate and has information and resources which are appropriate to particular ages groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14+ with an additional area for parents and carers to visit.

The site gives children (and parents/carers) information on ways to stay safe online; how to report anything which makes them feel uncomfortable and also an fun area where they can learn how to be safe online.

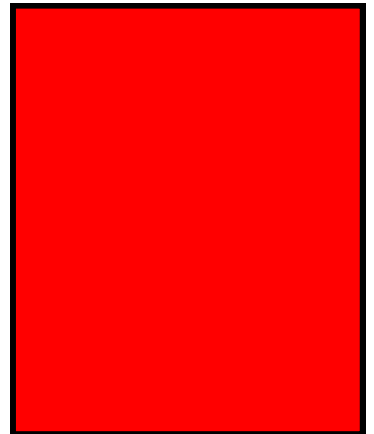


Cyberbullying

What is Cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is online bullying. It can be sending nasty or hurtful texts, putting nasty or hurtful comments on Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter or any other form of social Media including apps.

How can you stop it? Report it - most apps have a report function; tell an adult; report it to the police.

How does it make you feel? Anyone who is bullied online feels upset, lonely, angry or scared. Cyberbullying is against the law and the police take it very seriously. Always report any form of online bullying, take screen shots of comments and print them off.



Social Media Apps - Be Aware

You may be familiar with some of the many social media apps that are available such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook.

There are also a number of apps available which children should be wary of:-

Kik Messenger: Share messages, photos, games etc.

MeetMe: Allows users to meet and communicate with other people worldwide

Meow Chat: Allows users to chat with strangers in a public chat room or as a private conversation.

ooVoo: Allows users to video chat with others, Minimum age is 13.

Omegle: Randomly connects the user to another who is on the site, in audio or video.

Online Grooming

Parents and carers should ensure that they are aware of what 'grooming' is and how they can prevent it to keep their children safe. Online grooming occurs when someone pretends to be someone they are not (e.g. a child, friend, confidante). They will gain a young person's trust by contacting them online building up a 'relationship' with them. This trust will then be tested when the 'groomer' requests personal information (e.g. where they live, what school they attend etc.) and pictures or videos to be sent. This can then lead to the groomer requesting that they meet up.

The best way to stop this happening is to be aware of what your child is accessing and who they are contacting online. Young children should not have a password on their mobile phone or online accounts - this will prevent you from monitoring their time online.

Talk to your child about E-Safety, online communications and make sure that they know how to report anything which makes them feel uncomfortable.

Parent Zone - We are a Digital School!

Our school is part of Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safe online, and making sure we work with you and all of the school community to achieve this.

The school will be using a 'DigiDog' as part of learning how to be safe online.



Online Training

Parent Zone includes an online digital parenting course 'Parenting in the Digital Age'. The course is free and is available at:

www.parentzone.org.uk/parentcourse

You should have received a letter explaining how to register for the course, but copies are available from the school office.

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The ethos of Greengate Lane Academy is underpinned by the belief that each child has the right to work, play and learn in a friendly, safe and supportive environment. Equally we believe that all members of staff have the right to deliver their professional responsibilities in a similar environment.

The staff and governors at Greengate Lane Academy take steps to ensure that all children in school are safe when using the internet.

We would like parents and carers to support the school by ensuring that their children are also safe when using the internet at home.

If you have any questions about E-safety please contact Mrs McConnell in the school office.

Social Media Apps: Apps to allow but monitor use ✓
Other Apps to avoid X please see page 2



WhatsApp ✓



Instagram ✓



Kik Messenger X



Meow Chat X



Meet Me X



ooVoo X



Omegle: Talk to Strangers X

