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Welcome to the latest edition of the Greengate Lane Academy Online Safety newsletter.

The newsletter will be produced each term and will be available online at: www.astreagreengatelane.org

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 details of a 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 Online 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 Sally McConnell** in the office.

Remember the SMART rules to stay safe:

S: Be Safe

M: Don't Meet Up

A: Accepting Emails can be Dangerous

R: Reliable?

T: Tell Someone!

Online 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.

Look out for the new survey which your child will be bringing home soon.

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.



Internet Safety

We now live in a technological world where people are finding out different ways of accessing and sharing information. The consequence of this are that we all need to learn more about how to stay safe. Remember, once you share a picture, video or your personal information, someone may be able to access it. Question, would you leave your doors unlocked, keys in your car, or money on your doorstep? No? So think, if you share images and details about yourself and your family on social media sites, without the proper controls - who might want to or is able to access those details?

Online Safety Meeting for parents/carers

We would like to invite parents and carers to an informal meeting to answer questions such as ‘What is e-safety?’ ‘Why should I worry about it?’ ‘How can I ensure that my child is safe?’ ‘How can I protect myself?’

We aim to answer any questions you may have with regards to internet safety and give information about how you can report online incidents, what to do if you are worried your child is being bullied online or you want to know how you can put safeguards in place to protect yourself and your family online.

The dates available for the meetings are:

11th July 3.30pm

18th July 3.30pm

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



WhatsApp ✓



Instagram ✓

kik.

Kik Messenger X



Meow Chat X



Meet Me X



ooVoo X



Omegle: Talk to Strangers X

