

Tuesday, 16 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has recently come to our attention that some of our children have been using online games and apps which have put them at risk. For example, some children have been reported using Roblox, unsupervised, and strangers have sent them messages. Some of these messages have been inappropriate.

We strongly suggest that you check all apps and games that your children have access to. Most apps and games should have a function which allows you to set child friendly controls.

This link can help you find out more about online safety and games:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Similarly, you should think carefully before allowing your child access to any social media. As a school we become very concerned when we hear about children accessing Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok, as they are not designed for children and pose many risks. All of these platforms have age limits beyond primary school age.

This link may support you in finding out more about the risks of social media:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Rest assured that each year our computing curriculum starts with lessons for our children which address issues of online safety. Our staff are all trained to look out for indicators that children may be behaving in a way which is unsafe online.

We will focus again on this issue in February as our school always observes Internet Safety Day. We will write to you again with further information and advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Scotchbrook', written in a cursive style.

Ian Scotchbrook  
Headteacher