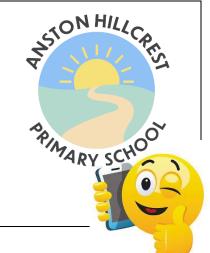**ANSTON HILLCREST PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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Online Safety Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week we have been talking about staying safe online, everyone took part in discussions in class about their online use, how to act responsibly and about the apps/ games they use. We have been sending out via email recent online supports that as a school we wish to promote in order to assist you as families in looking after your children when they are online however our school councillors have also met since then and also wanted to share what they have learnt with our school community.

Mrs Goodall in our Caterpillars class is our Computing lead throughout school however safeguarding and online safety is everyone's role in school so if you aren't sure about an aspect of your child's online use, please come and discuss with your child's class team or myself or even try to find out using some of the links below.

Thank you, Mrs Rayner

Year 6 have been talking about Roblox;

'Did you know that some of the games on Roblox are 12+, some are even 17+. It is worth checking out to see if your kids are playing the right aged game'.

'Some of the characters skins are inappropriate and can easily be hacked.'

As a parent, it's important you know that all social media platforms and messaging apps have age limits. Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities made up of people much older than your child.
https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/

'Always tell a trusted adult like Mum, Dad, grandparents, teachers or older siblings if someone is being mean to you online.'

Year 5 have talked about keeping safe and have said **'You can report or block people who use unkind language, are mean to you or are racist or homophobic. There are report buttons to click on or you can block them. You must tell an adult.'**

'Always ask your parents before downloading apps or clicking something you're not sure on.'

Year 5 school councillors

'Only talk to people you know and have met before' and they had talked about the fact that no one should be talking or meeting with anyone they didn't know. Report immediately.   Year 3 & 4 school councillors

Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR.

Find out more here:
https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck

YouTube Shorts

We found out that you should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels.

'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button.

There are more details here:
https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/

REMEMBER...... STOP, BLOCK, TELL SOMEONE!

Useful websites to support your child at home

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

https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/

https://nationalcollege.com/library?categories%5B0%5D=838

www.cnwl.nhs.uk/national-centre-gaming-disorders
GamCare - https://www.gamcare.org.uk/

BigDeal - https://bigdeal.org.uk/

https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

https://www.childline.org.uk/

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/

Year 3 have been talking about how to stay safe online.

They said **'Don't share personal information or post anything you wouldn't want your parents to see.'**

'Don't be unkind online.'
Year 5 school councillors

'Don't sign up or give any personal information to apps or websites in case they use your details and are not real accounts. If you're not sure; ask an adult.'
Year 5 school councillors

Year 4 and 6 have been talking about websites that aren't safe and how you can spot them;

'Look for the link and if it jumbled numbers and letters it might not be safe.'

'Keep passwords private.'
Year 4 school councillors

'Don't click on in-app purchases'
Parents can alter privacy settings and screen time.

Year 6 school councillors