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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER
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ONLINE SAFETY FEDERATION ANNUAL REVIEW

To ensure an effective and robust ICT provision, we have regularly reviewed and updated the teaching and learning materials to reflect the latest trends and threats in the digital world. This has been implemented in line with national curriculum standards, and through feedback from pupils, parents/carers, and staff.
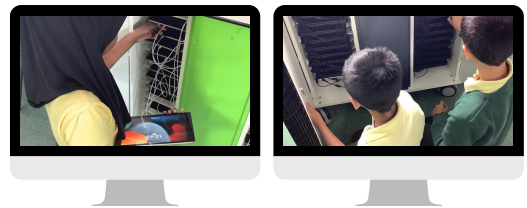
Additionally, we have invited external experts such as the Three Discovery team to deliver workshops and seminars to further enhance pupil understanding of online safety. Recognising the importance of parental involvement, we have organised workshops and information sessions for parents/carers, providing resources and guidance on how to support their child in navigating the online world safely. We have also encouraged open communication between parents/carers and teachers so that any concerns or incidents could be addressed promptly.

To monitor the progress of our online safety efforts, we have established dedicated online safety teams across the federation in the form of our pupil Digital Leaders and staff ICT Leads. The teams have regularly reviewed the implementation of our online safety and well-being policies, conducting evaluations to gauge pupil knowledge and awareness, and analysing incident reports to identify any gaps in their approach. The team have also engaged in cross-site collaboration to share best practices and learn from each other's experiences.

We have identified a significant improvement in our pupils' online safety awareness and behaviour; they have become vigilant when using online platforms and can clearly articulate this to their teachers, parents/carers and peers.
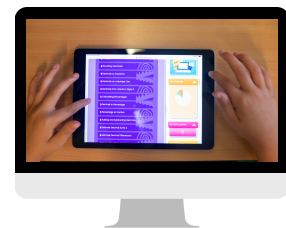
As we continue our journey, we remained steadfast in our commitment to online safety as we understand that the digital landscape is ever-evolving. We will continue to stay updated with the latest guidance and expectations, ensuring that our pupils, staff and the wider community are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online world safely.
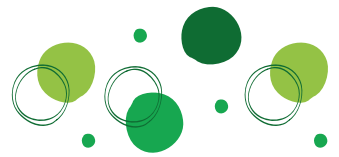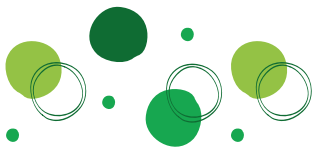
DIGITAL LEADERS HARD AT WORK

The Digital Leaders across the federation have been diligently carrying out the responsibilities of their role. They have been carefully counting devices and making sure they are stored correctly and safely. When using devices in the classroom, the Digital Leaders have been delivering key internet safety messages to their class to remind them how to stay safe online. Another key role for the Digital Leaders this year has been modelling and explaining key vocabulary during their computing lessons, they have supported their peers to understand their learning and use technical vocabulary.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

You may be looking for activities to do with your child as the summer break approaches. Great resources are available for free download from Google and Parent Zone. They combine offline and online activities, including having students design a poster outlining what they would do in the event of a worry about something they see online. Please scan the QR code to access the resources.

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PUTTING RESTRICTIONS AND TIMERS ON APPS

It can be very challenging to control what your children do when you are not around (and even when you are). This is true even if you have talked to your children about screen time restrictions and proper online behaviour. Parental controls can help you in your efforts to maintain the safety, enjoyment, and productivity of your child's online experiences. They function best when applied honestly and openly in collaboration with your children. Please scan the QR codes below to access useful 'how to' guides on setting device and app restrictions.

 iOS

 Android

AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA AND GAMING PLATFORMS

Under 13
Roblox *with adult supervision
PopJam
FaceTime *with adult supervision

13+
Snapchat
TikTok
Discord
Kik
Reddit
Viber

16+
Instagram
WhatApp
Telegram
Facebook
Messenger
YouTube *content specific

18+
MeetMe
LiveMe
YouTube *content specific

DIGITAL LEADERS ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

Please scan the QR code to view online safety tips from our very own Digital Leaders.