

30th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

E-safety, including making safe choices using technology, forms a regular part of circle time discussions with our Year 5 pupils. With the spring holiday approaching, and in light of a small number of comments from parents about the children's choices outside of school, we wanted to inform you of our most recent discussion concerning internet safety with the class. The main points covered included:

- Why we have safety filters on the internet at school.
- How to take responsibility for making safe choices and how to respond if they are faced with an uncomfortable image or message on the internet.
- Why certain games, social media sites and websites are not appropriate for children their age; that age restrictions are in place to protect them.
- The role of parents and teachers to monitor their use of technology to keep them safe.

We were encouraged by the children's sensible contributions to this discussion and by their understanding of how to safely use technology.

As the range of technology available to children continues to increase, we would urge all parents to ensure that you:

- Have appropriate filters and restrictions on all technology at home.
- Closely monitor your child's use of technology including mobile phones and tablets.
- Talk to your child, as we do, about the importance of e-safety and encourage them to tell you straight away if they realise they have not made a safe choice.

Thank you for working with us on this important theme.

Miss Kenny and Mrs Duston