



Dear Parents and Carers,

At school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously including their safety while they access the Internet, We want this approach to e-safety to spread to the home online environment. **It has been brought to our attention that some children are accessing highly inappropriate websites and then sharing this information with each other. This is a safeguarding issue that we take very seriously.**

We know that particularly after Christmas, children may for the first time have access to mobile devices, so we want to raise awareness of where children have mobile devices on networks, that sit outside your normal home controls, that the same standards of e safety are in place. All mobile phone providers offer free parental control services which limit the content children can access via the mobile network. However, they may not always be automatically switched on. Check with your service provider that the parental control settings are switched on, and ask for them to be switched on if they are not.

Here are a few tips to help you keep your children safe online:

o **Think u know**

(<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/>)

Is always a good place to start

o Another site that is helpful for parent controls is

**UK Safer Internet Centre**

(<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice---and---resources/parents---and---carers>)

This site advises you to take four steps:

1. Have ongoing **conversations with your children** about staying safe online
2. Use **safety tools on Social networks and other online services**, eg Facebook Privacy settings
3. Decide if you want to use **parental controls** on your home internet and mobile networks
4. Understand Devices and the parental control tools they offer

There are three areas to think about:

**WHO** your child is talking to,

**WHAT** they're doing, and

**WHERE** they're going online

We are here to support and therefore **will be holding short, but extremely important parent e safety sessions on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm and 6pm. It is in your interest to attend if at all possible.**

In the meantime if you have any concerns or further information, please contact Mrs Brook on 01841 520683

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Brook', is written over a horizontal line.

Alison Brook

Head of school