

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a very exciting time in the Academy as the children adapt to the new way of learning with their ipads. I am sure you are just as enthusiastic about the Oasis Horizons project as we are. There are many things to consider now that the children will be learning on-line at home and in school so we want to outline some important information.

“As schools increasingly work online, it is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. As such, governing bodies and proprietors should ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place – Keeping Children Safe In Education 2020 “

It is essential that staff are able to guide children to safely navigate the digital world today.

General information

- 53% of children own a mobile phone by the age of 7 this increases to 90% by the age of 11
- 500,000 men in the UK may have viewed indecent images of children
- 70% of grooming takes place on main social media networks i.e. Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp
- 20% victims are under the age of 12
- Cyber bullying is one of our primary safeguarding concerns
- There is a connection between intensive social media use and poor mental health

Working together to safeguard your children

We will ensure that we have policies and procedures in place to protect all members of our community. Our staff are trained so they are fully aware of the online risks and harm. Our bespoke ICT curriculum is adapted to meet the needs of all abilities.

You must be aware of what your child is accessing on-line. Devices should **NOT** be kept in bedrooms overnight. Talk with your children so they know they can confide in you if they see something on-line that worries them.

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When children **are in the academy**, we use a smoothwall filtering software that blocks any websites deemed inappropriate and the designated safeguarding teams are notified.

When children are **using their ipads at home**, we have access to a software that alerts us daily when a child has attempted to access a website that has been blocked by Oasis. We are then provided with pupil details and the website they tried to access. Sometimes, the software blocks websites that may be completely legitimate but on those occasions when a website content is a cause for concern, we would act accordingly.

Safeguarding the children on-line is all of our responsibility.

If you would like further advice on how you can keep your child safe on-line at home please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

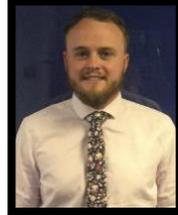
We have created a secure email address so that you can send any concerns you have privately SecureDSL@oasisshortheath.org alternatively please speak to The Safeguarding Team



Mrs Atwal



Mrs Lee



Mr Darnley



Mrs East-Goodman

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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