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## Online Safety

Dear Grange Family,

At school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously including their safety while they access the internet, we want this approach to online safety to spread to the home online learning environment too and we are therefore sharing with you some tips and resources to help you guide your children and help you keep up to date in a digital world. Here are a few tips to help you keep your children safe on line:

- **Think u know** (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/>) is always a good place to start – you will see the report abuse button that your child will know about from school.
- 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
4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in our Parents' Guide to Technology

Remember the 3 areas you need to think about when your child is accessing the internet;

- **Who** is your child talking to?
- **What** they're doing?
- **Where** they're going online?

You can also create your own **Family IT Policy!**

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### **The big issues**

Create boundaries and rules for the amount of time your son or daughter can spend online.

### **Worth Checking**

The educational apps, games and TV shows on offer for pre-school children, and the age ratings and descriptions for them.

### **Talk it through**

Share your technology rules with grandparents, babysitters and older siblings, so that they stick to them when they look after your child or use the family computer/device.

### **And finally...**

The rules and conversation you have now will set the tone for your child's internet use as they get older.

If you would like any further guidance or support with online safety, please see our **school website** for additional information and resources.

With your support we can ensure that our children **enjoy a safer experience** when online.

Please do **not hesitate** to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online.

Thank you for your support

Yours Sincerely



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