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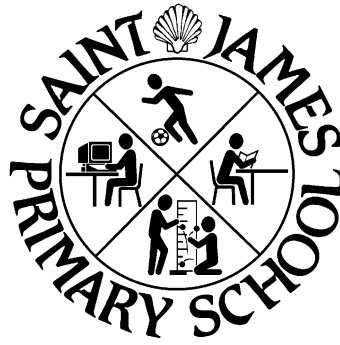
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Keeping Safe Online

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to ask for your support regarding online safety due to the increased number of children that are having access to a range of electronic devices as well as smart phones.

We are experiencing a number of incidents of our children using and misusing social media accounts like Snap Chat and WhatsApp whilst at home. This is then leading to upsetting issues in school, which are having an impact on the well-being of all concerned – not only regarding friendships but also lost learning time.

Whilst we take our responsibility very seriously in terms of educating our children to be safe when they are online, it is very difficult to resolve issues that happen out of school, as we do not have access to all the information. As you can imagine it is very time consuming and takes away from teaching and learning in school.

Therefore, I am asking that as responsible parents and carers you ensure that your child is aware of your expectations when they are using their devices. You should be aware of, and monitor the sites they access, many of which have age restrictions higher than that of your child. Alarmingly, children have informed us that they are chatting online to people that they don't know and who are much older. It is important that you know who they are talking to online. If you have concerns about your child's use of a device, it is important that you take responsibility for resolving the issue which may mean that you need to not only speak to your child but to another child's parent to alert them too. If you are going to allow your child to access these platforms, our advice is that you monitor them carefully and limit the time that they are allowed to use them.

As a school, we will continue to support and guide our children. We will aim to offer support and guidance to parents too through our website or by advising and signposting you as necessary.

You can find useful information on the following websites: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.internetmatters.org

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs J Pritchard
Deputy Head Teacher

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