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Online Safety Newsletter

Filtering and Monitoring

Schools in England (and Wales) are required to ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school. A legal requirement is to put in place appropriate filtering and monitoring on all school devices.

It is important to recognise that no filtering systems can be 100% effective and need to be supported with good teaching and learning practice and effective supervision. As such, filtering systems should be recognised as one of the tools used to support and inform the broader safeguarding provision in settings.

At John Perry Primary we use a software called 'Senso' that alerts us of a child accessing inappropriate material.

The Internet can host harmful material that is not suitable for children. Please see video below:

https://youtu.be/SxfRGxUmRqM

Please ensure that all home 'devices' are restricted and monitored.

Keeping safe online at home

It is the parents' responsibility to decide what's appropriate for children to see online. The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide and it should be based on factors like age, ability, beliefs and family values.

Parental Controls

The UK Safer Internet Centre have released guides to help set 'Parental Control' on home devices. There are guides for Virgin Media, Sky, BT and Talk Talk.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-type/parental-controls

Parents and carers Guides and Resources:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

Support for Grandparents with online safety:
https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/grandparents

Frankie Thomas

The parents of a child who died by suicide after accessing inappropriate material at school explain why they are campaigning to make the government, Ofsted and schools aware of the importance of ensuring that e-filtering and monitoring systems are working properly.

BBC News report:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-58817821

A Department for Education spokesman said: "Schools have a legal duty to keep their pupils safe and our statutory safeguarding guidance sets out in detail how we expect them to protect pupils from potentially harmful online material.

All children are also taught about online safety as part of the new mandatory Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum, as well as through Citizenship and Computing, and this Government's Online Safety Bill will deliver ground-breaking new laws which make sure tech companies prevent children from accessing self-harm and suicide content which risks causing them harm."

Screen time is the amount of time we spend on devices with screens, like phones, tablets or laptops. Sometimes, there can be concerns that young people are spending too long on their devices, and about the effect that screen time can have on health and wellbeing. Follow this link to hear young people give their thoughts:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_dv81JfABM