Online Safety

Claycots Primary School

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Is your child safe online?

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Claycots Safeguarding Policy:

We recognise the importance of safeguarding children from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material, and we understand that technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues.

Safe

Social Media Apps

Online messaging -Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others: If your child is engaging with others online remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo or video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Discord- platform for people with similar interests to share and communicate.
Age Requirement: 13 years

WhatsApp- Instant messaging App
Age Requirement: 16 years

Snap Chat – Real time photo and video sharing App
Age Requirement: 13 years

Tik Tok –share short 60 second clips
Age Requirement: 13 years

Online Gaming

Gaming is often a social activity for children and talking with friends is part of their enjoyment. Online games can be played on any number of devices from video games consoles such as PlayStations, Xboxes, and Nintendo Switches, to PCs, laptops and mobile phones However, in-game chat can pose risks such as:

● chatting with people they don't know. This can include adults that are seeking to make contact with children with unfavourable intentions
● inappropriate or unmoderated chat. Whilst a lot of chat is moderated, chat is live and there is a risk of exposure to sexual language, swearing or bullying.
● requests to make chat private. Once chat is moved off a monitored platform, no one is moderating it. This can be used to pressurise children into sharing personal information, photos, video or chat that they don't want to.

How to support your child with online safety at home?

- **Have open conversations with your children about online safety**. Make sure your child knows where to go for support- Speaking to an adult they. Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and non-judgemental support

- **Supervise your child while they're online:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an appropriate adult is able to supervise at home and at school

Parental Controls

What are parental controls?
These controls are designed to help you manage your child's online activities

Parental controls can help you to:
•plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
•create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content manage the content different family members can see.

•Talk to your child and explain why you are setting parental controls; to keep them safe. But also let them know that they can talk to you to discuss why certain settings are in place

-Iphone – allow you to control 'screen time' through Family Sharing
-Android-download parental control app from Google Play Store

More information can be found on:NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/