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Keeping Children Safe Online

If you only read one newsletter this year, please make it this one.

Increasingly, we are dealing with incidents involving children who are accessing inappropriate material online. This is not happening in school. We have very strong filters in place which prevent anyone from accessing anything that is inappropriate. Children are constantly supervised and monitored when they are using computers. However, we cannot stop children goog-ling words, watching video content or making contact with others at home.

Since the return from lockdown, we have dealt with issues relating to children accessing pornography, information about self-harm and unacceptable levels of violent content to name but a few issues. Children are naturally curious, which is a wonderful part of their childhoods. If they have free access to information on the internet they can come across all sorts of content I am sure you would not want them to see. Children are also great sharers and will come into school and tell their friends what they have been watching or finding out about at home.

Internet safety and keeping safe online forms part of our IT curriculum. It is a topic we revisit regularly to help the children to understand how to keep themselves safe. However, we need your help to make sure the children are safe outside school. I know that the digital world constantly changes and it is sometimes hard to keep up with developments. Please take some time to follow these links and make sure you have a good level of parental control on all devices the children are using at home. Remember, the children's tablets and phones might well be protected, but if your child is using one of your devices, they may be able to access inappropriate material.

Please make sure the children are only using apps which are suitable for their age group.

If you need support with anything relating to this issue, we are here to help. You may find the following websites useful. I really hope you will spend some time looking at the information and making sure your children are as safe as possible on line.

| parentsprotect.co.uk | <u>ceop.police.uk</u> | https://www.internetmatters.org |
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| nspcc.org.uk | Thinkuknow.co.uk | saferinternet.org.uk |

If you want any more information or advice, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Office Opening Hours

The office is open between **8.00 am and 4.00 pm** every day. If you need to contact us outside these times, please email admin@cmpschool.co.uk.

Stars of the week!

This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:

| <u>Deer</u> | Harvey | Nanci | |
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| <u>Mole</u> | Harry | Lexi | |
| <u>Kestrel</u> | Alfie | Jasmine | |
| <u>Hare</u> | Vinnie | Indie Y | |
| <u>Rabbit</u> | Quinn | Frankie P | |
| <u>Hedgehog</u> | Zachary | Keira | |
| <u>Badger</u> | Arthur | Isla W | |
| <u>Fox</u> | Jenson | Harvey | |
| <u>Ducklings</u> | Oscar | | |
| Congratulations to you all! | | | |