



## CUNNINGHAM HILL INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### E-Safety

As a parent you'll know how important the internet is to children - they use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves. It's a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. But the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online - such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing illegal or inappropriate content. You can engage with your children regarding their use of the internet while at home. Here are some conversation starter ideas from [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online.

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of ICT skills, we provide access to the internet only in teacher supervised lessons. We strongly believe that the use of the web and email is hugely worthwhile and an essential tool for children as they grow up in the modern world. But because there are always concerns about children having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school internet access provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials. Throughout the year, each class discusses how we can all stay safe online and the dangers we may face on the internet. Through lessons provided at school, assemblies, guest speakers, and PSHE lessons, we do our best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behaviour and to respond appropriately.

This year we will be taking part in the Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We have also arranged for Childnet to come in on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to provide workshops for the children and for you, which we strongly recommend that you attend.

We have recently reviewed the school's [Esafety policy \(click here\)](#) and the Acceptable Use Agreement. A copy of the policy can be found on the school website. We then ask that every child signs this agreement so that we know that you and your child have read and understood our school's rules on staying safe. It is only through a collaborative effort between parents and teachers that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens. A paper copy of this agreement will be in your child's book bag today and we ask that you return this by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



We recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Katherine Cooper