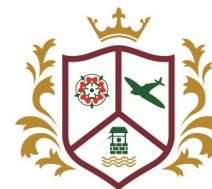# Online Safety Newsletter

Autumn Term

Following our welcome meetings, I would like to remind all parents and carers of the key E-safety messages mentioned by all teachers.

Within school, we teach children how to stay safe online. For example, what is suitable for them to look at, who they should be talking/playing with online and how to keep their personal information safe and private. Some children are using apps such as WhatsApp or are playing games which allows them to talk to one another. On occasions, children are forgetting that anything they say or do online is permanent and unfortunately, we are made aware of children using words which are rude and inappropriate to one another. We are unable to monitor this in school, so rely on parent support to talk with their children and to monitor use of apps and games.

Please be aware, WhatsApp have now launched a new feature called 'view once' so when a picture or message is sent, it will disappear after a few seconds. This is very similar to the snapchat app. Please remind children that they have not permanently disappeared, and others can screen shot those messages.

You can link to your child's phone to see what they are viewing. You can see what apps they are using and set a limit for how long they are on their phone.

Here is a parent guide to set up the family link app.

https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-control-google-family-link.pdf

Thank you for your continued support.

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