

Christmas Gifts

If Father Christmas delivers electronic devices to your children, please make sure you check up on the privacy settings when setting it up for them to use. In school, we are constantly delivering messages to children about making sure their devices are private and to keep their personal information safe.



TikTok Use

A couple of years ago, children at Walmley Junior School were asked which apps they used online. 35% of children said that they used TikTok at home and we are confident that number will have risen as the popularity of TikTok has increased. The age rating of TikTok is 13+ due to the nature of the content that can be accessed such as music with swearing and sexual lyrics.



Please ask if your child has a TikTok account and ask for them to show you their favourite content to see if it is suitable. Better still, download TikTok for yourself, sign up and take a look at some of the content that your child will have access to at their fingertips. You may be surprised!

Squid Game

Netflix's Squid Game is one of the streaming service's most successful shows of all time. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.



An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity has spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents and carers to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok, with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.



Safer Internet Day 2021

This year, Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 8th February. Walmley Junior School take part in this event each year along with thousands of other children across the country. This year, the theme is about gaming and online relationships.



Although this is an important day in our calendar, Online Safety messages are delivered regularly in school and we encourage parents to do the same at home.

SMART Rules

The SMART rules form an important part of the messages we deliver in school and our Online Safety Council do a great job reinforcing them. Please talk about the SMART rules at home when your child is using the internet and ask them if they are following them. Our focus this half term has been S for SAFE. Is your child keeping their personal information safe? These can be things such as their name, address, passwords, photos and school.

The majority of children will be creating videos and sharing them. Personal information can be shared easily on videos without even knowing.



Useful Links

- Report to CEOP online – www.ceop.police.uk
- Call the NSPCC & O2 Online Safety Helpline – 0808 8005002
- Use NetAware to stay up to date with all the latest social network guides – www.net-aware.org.uk

