



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day; Working Together.

Tuesday 7th February 2023

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today, Crabtree Farm Primary School will join schools all around the UK and Europe to celebrate '**Safer Internet Day**' – a day dedicated to raising awareness of how children and young people can stay safe online.

At Crabtree Farm, we take our e-safety curriculum very seriously as we know how important it is to teach our children about the positives and negatives the internet can bring. We make sure children learn how to be safe online as part of their PSHE and computing lessons. We want our children to know how to be safe in a world of ever-changing technology.

Children may access the internet in many different ways, including:

- Chatting to friends or family on apps like Snapchat, Twitch, Discord and WhatsApp.
- Using social media apps like TikTok, Be Real, Wink, Yubo and Instagram.
- Watching potentially harmful material on platforms like YouTube, TikTok and Facebook.
- To complete homework tasks or research topics they are interested in.
- To play games on their Xbox or PlayStation.

While the minimum age for most of these apps is 13 (WhatsApp's minimum age is 16), some children may come across or use these apps daily. A recent survey by Ofcom (2021) reported that **62% of children aged 3-17 had their own profile** on at least one social media platform, some lying about their age or using their parent's date of birth to allow them to sign up. This could cause them to be at a **greater risk of watching inappropriate/harmful material, propaganda, pornography and being groomed online.**

I'm sure you'll agree that it's really important that we work together to keep our children safe!

For more information on how to keep your child safe online, please visit the school website: <https://www.crabtreefarmprimary.com/internetsafety> or speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely
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