

Online Safety Week



In Ballykeel PS & NU we are keen to educate pupils and provide them, and parents/guardians, with information relating to Online Safety. Our aim is to teach children about appropriate online behaviours, and to think carefully about various situations to help them remain safe and legal when using the Internet and related technologies, both in school and at home.

To help with this, we will be having an **Online Safety Week** from **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February**. The children will be taking part in lots of activities in class to help promote online safety, and our Digital Leaders will be visiting classes to remind them of the SMART rules to help them stay safe when online.

Some of the **important messages** the children will be learning include:

- People are not always who they say they are online.
- ‘Stranger Danger’ also applies to people they meet on the Internet.
- They should never give out personal information online such as full names, ages, addresses, school name, siblings etc.
- They should never meet alone anyone they have met through an Internet source.
- Once information is published online it can be disseminated with ease and cannot be easily destroyed e.g., photographs.
- Tell a trusted adult if anything happens when they are online that makes them feel uncomfortable.



On **Thursday 22nd February**, **Wayne Denner** will be visiting us to speak to our **P6 and P7** pupils about Online Safety. Wayne is the leading Online Safety and Cyber Safeguarding trainer in the UK and Ireland.

On **Friday 23rd February**, **PSNI Officers** will be visiting us to speak to our **P3-P5** pupils about how they can stay safe online.

Parent/Carer Information Session

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us in the **Assembly Hall** on **Friday 23rd February**, from **1-2pm**, for a special **Online Safety Session** which will be **taken by our very own Digital Leaders**. Tea/Coffee and some yummy treats will be served upon arrival, and **those parents/carers who attend can take their P4-P7 children home with them at 2pm**.

Online Safety Information for Parents/Carers

What can you do at home?

- Keep devices in a communal area of the home.
- Be aware that children have access to the Internet via gaming stations and portable technologies such as smart phones.
- Monitor on-line time and be aware of excessive hours spent on the Internet.
- Take an interest in what your children are doing. Discuss what they are seeing and using on the Internet.
- Discuss the fact that there are websites/social-networking sites/games which are unsuitable for them to be accessing and discuss how they should respond to unsuitable materials or requests.

Further Support:

The following links will take you to websites containing resources which you can read, watch and discuss with your children at home:

Safer Schools NI:

- <https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/>



UK Safer Internet Centre:

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Talking to your Child About Online Safety:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Setting Up Parental Controls:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Guide to Apps, Games and Social Media:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

Age Specific Advice:

- 0-5 years – <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>
- 6-10 years – <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
- 11 – 13 years – <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

