Staying Safe Online

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At St Mark's we take online safety very seriously, and we would ask that parents and pupils read the Safeguarding and E-Safety policies, which can be found on the school website: https://www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk/612/policies

There is a list of useful websites here, covering a broad range of issues related to online safety:

Essex Safeguarding Children Board / www.escb.co.uk

The ESCB is a statutory multi agency organisation which brings together agencies who work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Essex. It has produced guidance for parents and carers to help them understand online safety and exploitation generally.

Internet Matters – helping parents and carers keep their children safe online / www.internetmatters.org

A not-for-profit organisation that has a simple purpose – to empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world. See their website for further information.

The Children's Society / www.childrenssociety.org.uk

A charity fighting child poverty and neglect, and helping all children have a better chance in life. They have produced information about online safety.

The NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) / www.nspcc.org.uk

The NSPCC has produced several online safety guides, from setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps.

Thinkuknow / https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP command. Thinkuknow aims to empowers children and young people aged 4-18 to identify the risks they may face online and know where they can go for support.

Common Sense Media / www.commonsensemedia.org

Independent reviews, age ratings and other information about all types of media for children and parents.

Parent Zone for families / https://parentzone.org.uk/parents

A website with a range of digital age resources for families, including guides on digital platforms and trends.

Children's Commissioner / www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/

The Children's Commissioner published a digital safety and wellbeing kit for parents, and a safety guide for children. The kit and guide have been designed to help ensure children are safe and their wellbeing is looked after while at home during the coronavirus outbreak, when their screen time may be higher than usual.

The UK Council for Internet Safety / www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-council-for-internet-safety

The UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) is a collaborative forum through which government, the tech community and the third sector work together to ensure the UK is the safest place in the world to be online.