KINGS MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDRENS CENTRE

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Safer Internet Day

Today in school we have been focusing on internet safety. Children from Reception to Year 6 have been trained to 'ZIP IT, BLOCK IT and FLAG IT' to keep themselves safe whilst online. On the back of this newsletter please find information on the key messages we have shared with the children today and ways that you can help safeguard at home. The Parent Zone have also launched a new website for parents www.pitda.co.uk - that supports their Parenting in the Digital Age programme. It's a great website with lots of advice, information and support for navigating the children's digital world.

Diary Dates

Important dates for the coming weeks:

- Friday 14th February – School closes for half-term
- Monday 24th February – School reopens for Spring 2
- Weds 5th & Thurs 6th March – Pupil Progress Meetings

Kings Meadow Primary School is committed to the **safeguarding** of all **children** and will follow all Local Authority procedures and inform Children's Services of any concerns as necessary.

Stay Safe on the Internet…

Zip It

Make sure that your child knows to always keep private information safe and watch what they say on the internet. People may not be who they say they are online and it's not always possible to control who can see your child's information.

Your child should know not to give out information like:

their full name, photos, postal or email addresses, school information, mobile or home telephone numbers and details of places they like to spend time.
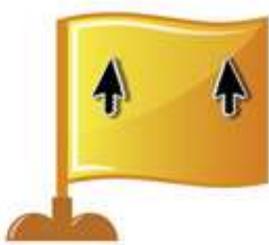
Block It

Children should be taught to block people who send offensive messages and tell them not to open unknown links and attachments. They should delete any suspicious emails that can cause damage to the computer.

One of the main ways children can come across inappropriate content online is through search results. Most search engines include a 'safe search' option that excludes results containing inappropriate images or key words.

You could also install parental control software to filter out harmful and inappropriate content for computers and some mobile phones and games consoles.

Flag It

Children should be taught to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried or unhappy about anything they see online. They should also do this if a friend they have made online has asked to meet them in the offline world.

If your child does experience inappropriate content online, report it to the website it appears on. UKCCIS has developed an internet safety 'one stop shop' with more information.

Where can I get help?

The Parent Zone
www.pitda.co.uk
Parents Online
www.parentsonline.gov.uk
Kidsmart
www.kidsmart.org.uk
Think U Know?
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

How can I report abuse?

The Government has set up the CEOP Centre to take reports of abuse and make sure that young people are safe online. This centre is staffed by specialist police officers and investigators.

Look out for this button and press it to report abusive behaviour. We have one on our website homepage: www.kingsmeadowprimary.co.uk