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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Tuesday 11th February the children at Lady Bankes will celebrate Safer Internet Day. Throughout the week the children will take part in an activity linked to this important day. It is important to remember that whilst Safer Internet Day is officially recognised on 11th February, here at Lady Bankes we teach, discuss, promote and share online safety during our weekly Computing lessons as well as during assemblies and PSHE lessons.

At Lady Bankes Primary School, the children have many opportunities to learn, discuss and practise internet safety (e-safety). The world around us is becoming more digitalised and the children have access both in school and out of school to a wide range of devices. One of the key objectives we teach the children during their computing lessons is how and why it is important to use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully. We would encourage parents and carers to continue to reinforce this important message at home to ensure the children use the internet appropriately; in turn keeping them safe.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Talk to your children about their online activity.
- Model good practice.
- Set fair and consistent rules in relation to your child's internet use at home.
- Be a good digital citizen, remember that anything put online is there forever.
- Observe the age limits on apps, and do not panic if your child encounters something inappropriate but be calm and deal with this. If you don't panic they are more likely to confide in you in the future.

We would encourage you to visit Internetmatters.org who provide support, guidance and information on internet safety as well as highlighting the importance of parental controls online.

Internet Matters logo and navigation menu including: About us, Inclusive Digital Safety, Search, ONLINE ISSUES, ADVICE BY AGE, SETTING CONTROLS, GUIDES & RESOURCES, NEWS & OPINION, SCHOOLS RESOURCES. Breadcrumbs: You are here: Home > Parental Controls > Smartphones and other devices

Parental controls for Apple, Android and other devices

Whether your child uses Apple, Android or other devices, it's important to consider the available parental controls and setting available. Choose your child's device below to find step-by-step instructions on setting up parental controls. Manage everything from location tracking to screen time balance.



SEE GUIDES

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Do you know what the age ratings are for social media apps? Explore this website to find out more. Age restrictions are there for a reason!

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/social-media-age-ratings/>

Please read this important information and guidance regarding Whats App where they are asking the question : Is Whats App safe for children?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Other useful websites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/christmas-vr-safety-advice-for-parents-metaverse/>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf>

Warm regards,

Miss Seabrook and Mr Milner