Computing Newsletter

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Useful Links

Rodings E-Safety
Our school page with useful links to report inappropriate content.

Net Aware
Your guide to apps, games and social media sites.

Internet Matters
Helping parents keep their children safe online.

Parent Zone
Experts in digital family life.

E-Safety Zone
Advice, guidance and resources gathered by the '2 Johns'.

Childnet
Making the internet a great and safe place for children.

ThinkUKnow
Protects children both online and offline.

Report Harmful Content Button

The RHC button is an asset of SWGfL, a charity working internationally to ensure all benefit from technology, free from harm.

The button has been created to offer a simple and convenient way to report content on commonly used social networking sites, gaming platforms, apps and streaming services alongside trusted online safety advice, help and support. RHC will review reported content in line with a sites' community standards and act in a mediatory capacity where content goes against these.

Children under 13 years of age are encouraged to tell an adult that they trust about what has happened and to ask for their help in reporting this by going through the how we can help resource together. We have added this button to our website, please make yourself familiar with this and our e-safety advice page.

TikTok - Family Pairing Feature

Last year, TikTok and Internet Matter worked together to create the family pairing feature. This allows family members to link their personal TikTok account with their children's profiles, meaning they can then manage some key privacy settings and parental controls. This feature allows children to experience the app, whilst also providing certain restrictions towards how they search for content and interact with other users.

Once this feature has been set up, you will then receive supporting resources around digital parenting. These are presented as tips whilst using the app. They include a list of suggestions that open up conversations around safer internet use whilst highlighting important factors such as trust and respect towards your child's privacy.

To find out about setting up 'Family Pairing' please follow this link.

Online Games - Fraud on the Rise

Players of online video games such as Roblox, Fortnite and Fifa are being warned to watch out for scammers, amid concerns that gangs are targeting the platforms.

Lloyds Bank has recently carried out a survey and found that a fifth of gamers had either been a victim of a gaming-related scam or knew someone who had, but less than a third knew how to spot a scam. Fraud and personal identity theft are one of the biggest crimes around the world. One common crime involves fraudsters tricking people into downloading malware on to their device, often through advertising add-ons to a game at a cheaper price than the official channels are charging.

Lloyds Bank have helped released a new initiative 'Game Players Code' to help gamers understand and protect themselves against fraud. Players can SHIELD themselves from many of the common risks identified in the research.

Screen chats from strangers.
Hide all personal details from others.
Investigate gaming related purchases.
Evaluate gaming related downloads.
Lock your internet network.
Delink your bank details.

Follow this link to the full article and information 'Shield Against Scams'.