

Tillington Manor Primary School

Online Safety Newsletter - Spring Term

Search Engines

In school children often use the internet to research information as part of a variety of topics. We use a secure site called KidRex which does not allow images to be shown in results.

Children will probably use search engines at home such as Google and it is important they understand how to use these sites safely and know what to do if they come across any inappropriate material.



Tips to help your child use search engines safely

- If your child is conducting searches on Google's main site at google.com, make sure your search settings are set to "safe searches" at <http://www.google.com/preferences>
- Keep your computer in an open area. If your computer is in a home office, make a rule that doors are always left open when online.
- Be careful in allowing your kids to search for images online. Use Safe Image Search for added protection - <http://www.safesearchkids.com/safe-image-search.html>
- If your child is searching for videos on YouTube, learn how you can activate YouTube parental controls - <http://www.safesearchkids.com/youtube-parental-controls.html>
- Have an open conversation with your kids about safe browsing and computer use.
- Report inappropriate websites that appear in search results.

How can I learn more?

The following websites have more information on how to keep your child safe online and the type of online activity children are now engaging in:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/social-media/>

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

<http://www.common sensemedia.org/>

If you would like to discuss any aspect of e-safety further, or would like more information on how to help your child with their online journey, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to me.

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