Tillington Manor Primary School

Online Safety Newsletter – Summer Term

YouTube

YouTube is widely recognised as a useful tool for education and entertainment, with children being able to watch their favourite videos, learn lots of new things and communicate with a wide audience.

However, children and parents need to be aware of the risks that can be associated with posting videos online. First of all, YouTube has an age restriction of 13 for anyone creating an account. If your child is allowed to use YouTube, discuss and agree ground rules for use, e.g. viewing any videos before they are posted.

Videos should not include:

- Any personal details of your child e.g. full name
- Any full names or any other personal details of other children
- School uniform or any other personalised clothing that links a child with a specific group in a specific area e.g. gymnastic group uniform
- Any street names, signs or anything that could give away location for any videos filmed outside
- Any kind of nudity
- People who have not given their permission to be filmed

As with all online communication, children should remain respectful and not say anything which could be seen as offensive to others. If they comment on other children's videos, again they need to ensure no personal information is given away.

Top tips for parents:

- Check privacy settings on your child's account and ensure that children do not have their subscribers public
- Do not use full names for your username on an account
- Check your child's videos **before** they are posted and use the checklist above to ensure that the videos do not contain anything that could pose a potential risk
- Try to be positive about their videos – be involved! Let them use a shared, safe area to record videos rather than being alone in their bedroom.
- Don't be afraid to speak to the Online Safety Co-ordinator if you need more advice

REMEMBER, videos posted online are there forever. It is possible for videos to be downloaded and kept!

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.commonsensemedia.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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