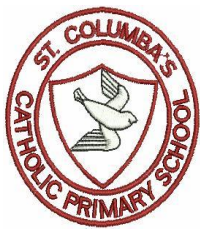


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Dear Parents/Carers.

INTERNET SAFETY.

One of our parents and the police have called us this week regarding an incident on social media. An unknown adult joined a group chat, and despite knowing that the children were young they made inappropriate comments and suggestions. The children did the correct thing and told their parents, who called the police.

The way children use the internet is constantly changing. Difficult conversations I had with year 6 children and parents a in the past, I now find I'm having to have with children a lot younger.

I have enclosed a list of social media apps used by children that concern the police, the app used in this case is not on this list, but is called Moviestar planet

We use internet safety lessons by trusted sources including the NSPCC and the ariel trust and follow their age guidelines for their suitability.

We feel teaching children the potential dangers of using the internet is much better than what could happen if we don't.

I want to give parents the opportunity to look at some of the resources we use in school and for us to discuss your children's internet use.

I will be having a coffee morning **on Tuesday 27th June at 9:00am** to discuss internet safety.

We don't normally get many parents in to sessions about internet safety but I urge you to come along if you can.

Conversations about staying safe online can only start at school. The use of social media mainly takes place at home and your children will come to you first for help if things go wrong.

If you have any questions, or want to see the resources before I start new internet safety lessons over the rest of this half term please come and see me.

Yours Sincerely,
Richard Murphy (Learning Mentor).



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