

Safeguarding Family Blog

Internet Safety



'The children are at the centre of everything we do'

A safe culture within our school

At Glastonbury Thorn School, we strive to keep our children and families safe and happy. In this blog, we cover some of the issues surrounding internet safety.

When teaching your child about internet safety, we tell them that they must be SMART online:



We all know how easy it is to keep your child entertained on a tablet or computer, but the risks are out there!



All of the above apps can pose a safeguarding threat to our children. Please read our posters carefully and ask yourself: ***Do I know what my child is doing online?*** All children should know what to do to keep safe online but there is a national trend of children not disclosing concerns due to the risk of being banned from using their favourite app. We should help our children to stay safe online – not necessarily restrict use (unless there is an age restriction). We are all responsible for keeping children safe online.

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Recently, we have experienced some of our children talking about inappropriate games such as GTA and inappropriate films such as IT and Saw. In all circumstances, the children were not referring directly to the game or film, but what they had seen on Youtube and even Youtube Kids!

It is so important that you regularly monitor what your child is watching or playing when they are on a media device – please be vigilant as this triggers a safeguarding concern and does have to be reported.

Thank you
Mr Cursley