ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Royal Cross Primary School

The internet is a positive place to visit!

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect and communicate.

However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.

You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives.

Updated Web Site
http://www.royalcross.lancs.sch.uk/
Online Safety Page

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Talking Safety ….
It's never too early to start talking about Online Safety. As soon as your child starts to explore the online world you can start having conversations with them about their online activity and put support in place. It's important that good habits of communication are established at an early age.

Contact ….
It's important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are. Regularly reviewing friends lists and talking about who they are 'meeting' online will ensure that your child is safe.

Content.
Some online content is not suitable for children, may be harmful or hurtful. Children need help as they begin to access this content. Talking together will help to guide them.

Supporting your child….
- **Explore together** - explore favourite apps and web sites together.
- **Talk to your child** - what do they do online? What sites do they use?
- **Supervise children online** - keep all digital devices in communal areas.
- **Parental controls** - make the most of parental controls on your broadband provider.
- **Safe search** - most web search engines will have a 'safe search' function which allows you to limit the web content your child sees.
- **Set boundaries** - as a family you can agree a set of rules, such as where devices can be used and for how long etc.
- **Lead by example** - model good digital habits such as no devices at meal times.

By following these tips you will be improving your child's online experience and helping to keep them safe.

Benefits of using technology
Physical activity, reading, and human interaction plays an important part in child development. Personal computing should not replace or be detrimental to these experiences, but in the right environment it can bring new educational experiences to young children, and help them develop their skills and broaden their horizons:

Hand – eye co-ordination
Educational games can help hand eye coordination, and understanding of how to interact with systems.

Access to information
The world wide web gives them a vast library of material to discover new things.
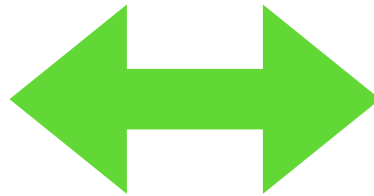
Everything in moderation
As with anything, too much can be detrimental, and research shows this is the same for children and computers. Follow the link to find out top tips for using Technology

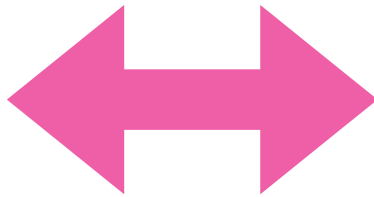https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parenting-digital-age-what-are-benefits-

RESOURCES & HELP

LINKS..

Snap chat
Do the checks:
Snap chat checklist to help parents supervise, monitor and use controls.

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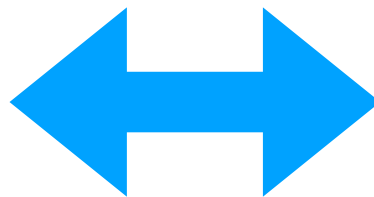
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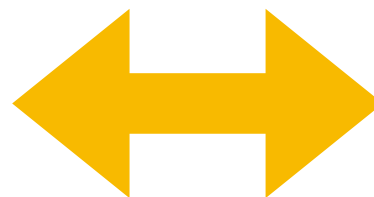Frees online magazine with advice from experts about a range of topics.

http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/

Instagram
A checklist with tips on safety and privacy.

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Childnet
Childnet's leaflet exploring the online gaming environment and providing safety advice.

http://www.childnet.com/resources/online-gaming-an-introduction-for-parents