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**Staying Safe Using Social Media**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

By Year 6

**How do you put your social settings on private?**

Go into settings, click on privacy then turn privacy on to the highest setting. Security settings are very important. Parents can also set parental settings to ensure they restrict what children can see.

**What age should you be using social media sites?**

Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram are all 13+

WhatsApp is 16+

**What should you do if someone you don’t know tries to speak to you online?**

You should let a trusted adult know. Close down the conversation. If the conversation is inappropriate remember to report it using the CEOP website.

**What should you do if someone you know is being mean online?**

Tell a trusted adult what is being said so that they can help you to stop the problem.

**Should children under the age restrictions be allowed to use social media sites?**

If you think your child is responsible and mature enough to use the social media sites then, as a parent, it is up to you. Parents should monitor the site and conversations so they can see what is being said. These apps mean that children can be contacted by others people so they must be closely supervised.

**Does the internet change children’s attitude to learning?**

This can happen if they spend too long on apps and social media. We would recommend parents set a time limit and check the messages.

**Who can use the CEOP button?**

Anyone can use the CEOP button to report an online concern. There are step by step questions where you click on a response.

**What apps should children use?**

Children should use only age appropriate apps and parents should monitor these as some do allow children to talk to each other.

**What games should children play?**

PEGI ratings can be found on games that can be purchased. These are usually found on the corner of the game’s case.

**My friends are playing a game and I really want to because I feel left out.**

Remember age limits are there for a purpose. Talk to your parents but remember age limits on games are the law.

**How can I keep my child safe online?**

Always check the age limits. Make sure your child is not sharing private information. Keep an eye on what your child is saying and doing on-line. Make sure privacy settings are high. Make sure you know how to report any concerns.

**What do you do if someone hacks the computer?**

You should report this.

**Should I allow my child to use the internet?**

Yes. Make sure you are there to see what your child is doing and check any age limit if they are playing a game. Set a time limit. Make sure your child knows that they can talk to you if something goes wrong.