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E- Safety Information & Guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Vernon Primary School we are committed to safeguarding our community of learners – we hope every child has a safe and happy experience online. Making sure children are accessing age appropriate content is an important as part of our role to educate pupils to become responsible internet users. Some sites, apps and games can be a dangerous places for younger children, potentially exposing them to bullying, inappropriate content or grooming. Do you know what age children need to be to access social media platforms? Below is a chart showing the age restrictions placed on different social media apps and networking platforms. We have published this as a guide for our families.

E-safety is an important part of keeping our children safe. Today's pupils are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. At Vernon Primary School, we aim to equip our pupils with the knowledge needed to make the best use of the internet and technology in a safe, considered and respectful way.

We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with parents to ensure the e-safety message is consistent. It is important that parents speak to their children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online. It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe use is essential.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019



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Our school website e-safety page contains more information from National Online Safety, including;

TV, Film & Games Age Ratings www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/1018904

Conversation Starters About Online Content www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/1018891

Being Kind Online www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/1018895

Top Tips for Children www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/1018898

Tips for Children with New Devices www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/1018901

Online Hoaxes www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/1019108

Curriculum Content

Our new PSHE curriculum embeds key aspects of e-safety within the topics: Media Literacy & Digital Resilience, Families & Friendships, Safe Relationships, Respecting Ourselves & Others and Keeping Safe. For more information please see www.vernonprimaryschool.com/page/pshe/63770

E-safety is also taught within the Connect theme of the Computing Curriculum

www.vernonprimaryschool.com/page/computing/61801

More Information for Parents



For advice on using digital technology. It has advice on games, apps, safety and much more.



Get expert support and practical tips to help children benefit from connected technology and the internet safely and smartly.



Online, on the phone, anytime.



Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.



The NSPCC has an online safety page offering tools and advice for how to keep families safe.



CEOP - The Child Exploitation & Online Protection Command.

I hope you find this information useful. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Kerry Walmsley
Pastoral Manager



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