



Whiteknights Primary School

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents,

Just a short and sweet update from Whiteknights Primary School this week. The sunshine came out this week, and the temperature reached a lovely 14 degrees. A snippet of plenty more to come hopefully!!

Thank you

Mr Walker, Headteacher



Reminder

Please ensure any outstanding Data Collection Sheets and Acceptable Use Agreements are completed and returned to the School Office. If we do not receive the Acceptable Use Agreement by Friday 17th March, your child will not be able to use IT within the school. The Data Collection sheets contain important information, including emergency contact details. If you need a copy of either of these forms to be re-printed, please contact the school office, thank you.

Diary dates

Monday 13th March 2017

Netball Girls ' Tournament at Bulmershe School – 3.00-4.30pm.

Friday 17th March

Amber class assembly at 2.45pm in the school hall.



Parents' evening

It's that time of the school year again, Parents' Evening! The school will be running 10 minute sessions for parents/ carers to meet with your child's class teacher. Online booking for these sessions will be available next week. A text will be sent out to confirm when the booking system goes live.



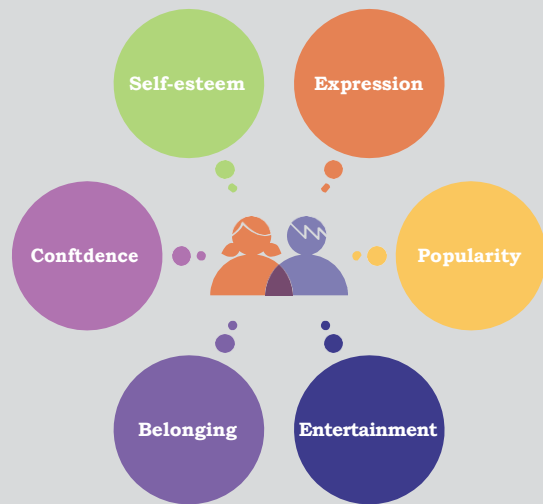
Child Safety Online:

A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles.

But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

Why children use social media



Understand the risks children may need to deal with

What they could see or do:

- Seeing or sharing of violent, sexual and pornographic content
- Inaccurate or false information and extreme views
- Promotion of harmful behaviours including self-harm, anorexia and suicide
- Over-sharing of personal information
- Actively or unintentionally getting involved in bullying or hurtful behaviour

Who they might meet:

- People who might bully, intimidate or frighten
- People posing behind fake profiles for:
 - Mischief-making
 - Sexual grooming and stalking
 - Blackmail and extortion
 - Identity theft and hacking

How this could affect them

- Fear of missing out leading to excessive use or exaggeration
- Getting upset by things they have seen and being uncertain about what to do
- Engaging, or being pressured into engaging in more risky behaviour either by accident or by design
- Developing unrealistic, and perhaps depressing ideals of body image and gender
- Becoming subject to peer pressure or interactions that are intense or too difficult to handle
- Creating an online reputation that may create problems for them in the future

Practical tips to help minimise the risks your child might face

It's good practice for apps and websites to have safety advice and well -designed safety features which can make a real difference to how safe your child will be when using them.

Work through safety and privacy features on the apps that your child is using, or might use. Make sure they understand the point of these and how to use them. Don't be put off by believing your child knows more than you: the tools are actually quite easy to manage.

- **Ask them to show you** which social media apps they use and what they like about them. Talk about how they use them and what makes them so engaging.
- **Explain** how you can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts & images.
- **Check if any of their apps have** 'geo-location' enabled, sharing their location unintentionally .
- **Show them how to report offensive comments** or block people who upset them.
- **Check 'tagging' settings** so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed. Also, get people's consent before sharing photos.
- Encourage your child to **come and talk to you** if they see anything that upsets them.

Sporting activities update

Football

The year 3/4 Boys took part in the local event 'Festival of Football' this week, giving a fair performance on the pitch, with 4 out of 5 wins,. Well done boys!



Tag Rugby

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Tag Rugby Tournament at Crosfields School last week. Keep up the great teamwork!!



Netball

Year 5/6 Netball - The girls will be taking part in a Tournament at Bulmershe School on Monday – Good luck girls !

