

E Safety: Staying safe online

At Bleasdale School we recognise that technology is now an inescapable and positive part of everyday life and learning. Using technology sensibly is something that we encourage all our pupils to do, it is important that we work together in partnership to acknowledge e-safety issues that effect our pupils both at home and at school.

E-safety means keeping safe when using modern technology, such as mobile phones, the internet and app's our pupils may access.

Below are some links for parents and carers that will provide useful guidance and support on

e-safety issues:

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.ceop.police.uk

www.iwf.org.uk

www.getsafeonline.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

There are parental control apps available - both on app stores and through some service providers that offer a variety of features including blocking access to the internet via Wi-Fi, Bluetooth etc. Examples of these include Safe Browser and the Parental Control App

Keep communication connections like Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, 3G and GPRS deactivated if they are not being used. Bluetooth, for example, can be hidden and access locked by a password on most handsets. If strangers send invitations to 'connect', encourage children to just ignore in order to avoid unwanted content transfers

GPRS tracks the location of the handset. Make sure your children's devices don't have an open GPRS so everyone - even strangers - know where they are in the world