Grange Park Primary School

Online Learning Workshop

December 2020 edition

Outline of the Workshop

We will be looking at:

❏ *Practical training and information sharing on how children use Google Classroom*
❏ *Ways to support and keep children safe in their online learning*

Why is supporting your children online important?

Children and young people's lives have changed dramatically because of the coronavirus. With social distancing measures and a nationwide lockdown, children will be spending more time at home and online.

Now more than ever, having an understanding of your child's online activity is important in keeping them safe.

While the internet is a great way for children to stay in touch with their friends and keep busy during lockdown, it can also bring risks when they are not sure how to keep themselves safe.

Why is online safety important in Primary Schools?

This early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity. Areas that as a school are ingrained in our ethos and curriculum and have become prominent in 2020.

But it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children or adults do online. As a school we are committed to educating our pupils on how to stay safe online and use digital technology safely. One of these aspects is the use of Google Classroom.

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Using Google Classroom

What it is and how it is helping our children?

Why are we using Google Classroom?

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic we have been using Google Classroom to provide online learning and support for all of our pupils.

The Enfield Learning Trust is already a user of the Google suite of digital learning tools in the state education sector, and has set up Google Classroom for pupils across its schools.

At Grange Park, we will be continuing to use Google Classroom to set remote learning tasks as well as support learning in the classroom.

How we are currently using Google Classroom?

Google Classroom has become an essential part of the children's remote learning at Grange Park and is used across the school in a variety of ways;

- *For home learning each week through posted assignments and tasks set by teachers*
- *To complete home half termly home learning projects related to their Learning Quest topics*
- *To provide remote learning for pupils isolating*
- *To develop communication between pupils and teacher*

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is online service provided by Google, for schools to set learning and provide ongoing communication between teachers and students.

Students are invited to specific classrooms where they can submit online assignments as part of our current home and remote learning provisions.

How to use Google Classroom?

While we have been using Google Classroom for a while, we would suggest that you access your child's classroom, in order for you and your child to familiarise yourself with the platform together and to support their home learning tasks.

I will now be talking you through the different areas of Google Classroom to support you with this and how you can further support your children at home.

Demonstration (10 mins)

Why is it important to look at Google Classroom with your children?

Exploring the classroom together is a great way to engage with your children about their online learning and understanding.

- *Listen, show interest and encourage them to teach you the basics of the site as it will help their confidence with home learning.*
- *Help your children identify trusted adults they can talk to about their online learning if they are not sure (as well as yourself!)*
- *Engage with them about their online learning as it will be linked to their learning and current topics in school*

How are we going to continue to use Google Classroom moving forward?

The use of google classroom has been an extremely positive tool in supporting your children over the past year.

As part of the ELT be connected strategy we are committed to ensure our pupils succeed in an ever changing landscape. As a school we will be further incorporating the use of technology to provide enriched, interesting and challenging opportunities to develop our pupils as learners. The use of Google Classroom will be supporting this both in school and as a remote learning tool to support children at home.

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Ways to support your children online

Ways to support their learning and online safety

Why is online safety important?

Being online is an integral part of children and young people's lives. Social media, online games, websites and apps can be accessed through mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets – all of which form a part of children and young people's online world.

The internet and online technology provides new opportunities for young people's learning and growth, but it can also expose them to new types of risks.

How do we support online safety at Grange Park?

At Grange Park we educate our children to make sensible choices when using the internet, as well as leading discussion about their online activity.

Internet safety is an integral part of our computing curriculum that is taught weekly, with access to the internet only provided in teacher led sessions. PSHE units that reflect upon how children's choices affect others as well as themselves, are taught to improve their understanding of how to stay safe online.

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How do we support online safety at Grange Park?

Internet safety is also embedded in our school environment. We have display posters in all classrooms, along with display boards to help educate and advise our children.

We also have a Safer Internet day designed to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology that is celebrated across the school.
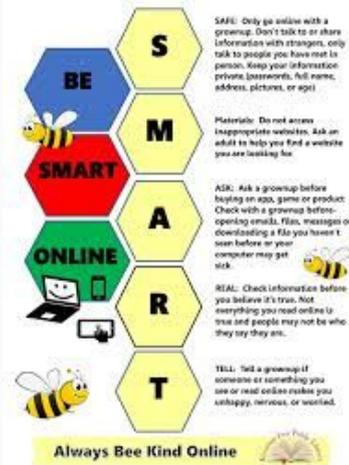
What can you do to support your child?

We know it can be difficult to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to.

But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Be positive and ask them with interest about what they are doing and who they are speaking to and playing with online.

What can you do to support your child?

As well as this, setting boundaries with your children is an important part of communication with your children about online matters, children like to feel involved in decision making and discussions.

Remember to have clear consequences with your children and say no when needed, children need to understand wrong as well as right when it comes to keeping themselves safe.

Lead by example and organise screen time setting for your devices.

Where can you go for support and information?

Internet Matters Website

Partner company of for technology firms that is dedicated to keeping children safe online. Contains videos, tutorials, guides and information.

Thinkuknow.co.uk

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.

The site aims to ensure everyone has access to practical information to support children and young adults.

The site has a vast amount of educational videos, guides and games to support online safety.

UK Safer Internet Centre

A charity created website that support educators, pupils and parents with online safety content.

A great place for tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

Grange Park Primary Website

Our website has a dedicated area just for online safety and parent guides to support you with educating your children at home.

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What apps are children using and how can I support them?

As well as supporting our children with making the right the choices online using specific websites to support, we also need to educate children together on the different apps that support both video sharing and social media.

The rise is video sharing apps has been significant in recent years and during the covid lockdowns has been used by children to stay in contact with each other and communicate. While this has its been a positive, the use of video sharing and social media may also put children at greater risk of online abuse or cyber bullying.

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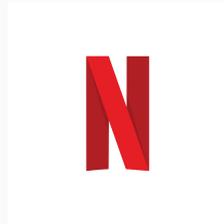
Most used apps so far in 2020

TikTok

Tellonym

Houseparty

Tinder

YouTube

Snapchat

Tumblr
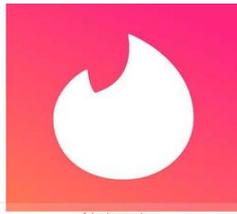
Instagram

What apps should I be monitoring and avoid?

ALL apps need to be monitored by yourself or set up in a way that you can support your children in being safe online.

You will need to ask questions, you will need to say no, you will need to set boundaries and stated before it is vital you do this with your children so they can see that it only for their security and to feel safe if something was to happen.

What apps should I be monitoring and avoid?

There are many apps that are dangerous for children and have greater risks. A few of the most current ones being.

Wishbone
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.
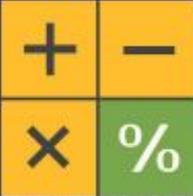
CALCULATOR%

CALCULATOR% is one of several "vault" style apps that appears to be a harmless app, but is used to hide photos, videos, files and even browser history.

MONKEY

MONKEYis an app that allows users as young as 12 to chat with people all over the world during a brief introductory call, then users are given the chance to add each other on SNAPCHAT.

WHISPER

WHISPER is a social network that allows users to share secrets anonymously and it reveals the users' location so strangers can meet.

LIVE.ME

LIVE.ME allows users to livestream videos using geo-location to share the videos so other users can find the broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" to "pay" minors for photos.

What are the age restrictions on the following apps and why are they there?

YouTube

WHATSAPP

Instagram

Snapchat

TikTok

Parent guides for these apps can be found on the Grange Park website.

What do we recommend?

The most important thing moving forward is that dialogue with your children and asking them about their internet use. With the use of technology and the reliance on the internet in so many households now it is vital that we and children understand it

75%
Of young people say they couldn't live without the Internet

A <u>quarter</u> say that the Internet is their first source of information on alcohol, sex, drugs, finance and health

76%
Of young people say the Internet means their friends are there wherever they need them

44
Million people in the UK have access to the Internet including 99% of 8-17 year olds

79%
Of young people use the Internet privately, without their parents' supervision

Nearly half of children in the UK set their social networking profiles so that they are visible to anyone and 43% claim that their parents don't set rules for social networking

Usage Statistics:
- Over one in five 3-4s (21%) have their own tablet and 53% spend around 8 hours a week online. (Source: Ofcom)
- 71% of 5-7s use YouTube to watch videos and 30% say watching cartoons are their favourite thing to watch. (Source: Ofcom)
- There are 74% 12-15s with a social media profile. (Source: Ofcom)

Why is important I set up parental controls?

Managing your devices and ultimately the children's screen time is something I hope you all take away and review.

- *7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result.*
- *47% of parents said they thought their children spent too much time in front of screens*

There are many guides for this and dedicated software now built in to most devices.

How can I set up parental controls?

Most phones now have specific parental controls built in under the settings of the phone. You will need to explore these.

How can I set up parental controls?

Using parental controls

Parental controls are a great tool to help protect your children online and there's plenty of advice available to help you use them. Find out how you can use them effectively.
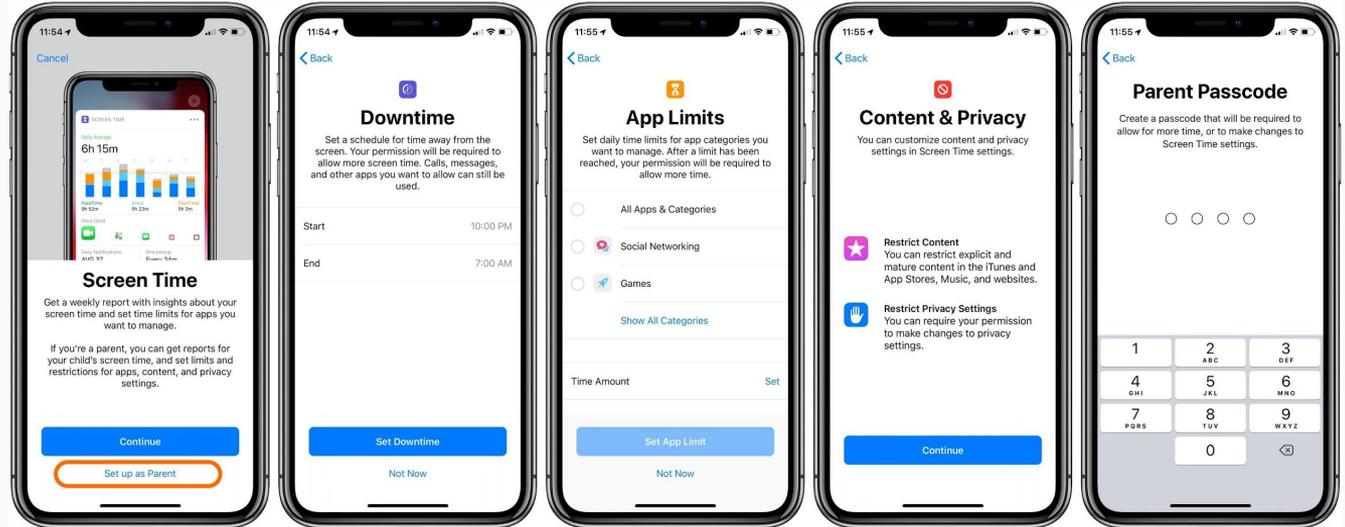
There are also many sites dedicated to showing you how to create settings like this on all devices.

1. Set a good example with your own device use

2. Have discussions about the risks that they may face based on their online activities

3. Put in place a family agreement and agree an appropriate length of time they can use their device

4. Help them build critical thinking to understand that some features on platforms are design to keep you watching or playing

5. Encourage them to switch off auto-play on platform to remove the temptation to binge on programmes

6. Use tech tools and parental control to manage the time they spend online and the apps they use

7. Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home

8. Together find apps, site and games that will help children explore their passions and make screen time active

9. For younger children find ways to combine touch screen use with creative and active play

10. Encourage children to self-regulate the time they spend online and the activity they do to ensure they are having a positive impact on their wellbeing

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Parental controls
Advice on setting up parental controls to help you keep your child safe online.
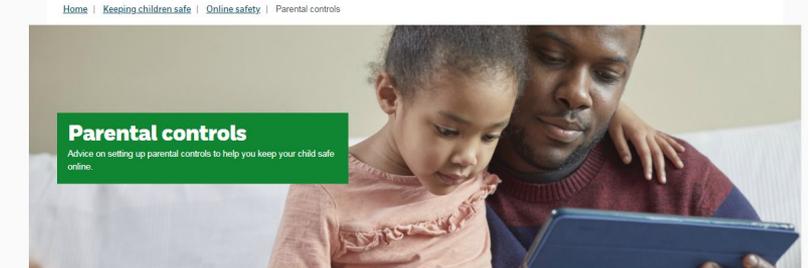
What are parental controls?

What do I do if I have a concern?

If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing online or safety, then please refer back to one of the mentioned websites. We also have direct links through the website to CEOP and Thinkuknow by clicking on the image.

Remember, if you are not sure then please do talk.

Have a concern?

It is important to stay calm and consider the steps below:

Find out more

Before doing anything, take a deep breath and try to remain calm. There's lots of information and advice on this site to help you keep your child safe and access support. **Further support if you are concerned about your child.**

Talking to your child

Having a calm and open conversation is one way for you and your child to explore what is happening in an honest and supportive way. There's advice on this site on how to help your child and how to start the conversation if you are concerned that they are being sexually abused. **Concerned that your child is being sexually abused?**

Take action

Discuss your concerns with someone you trust, for example a friend, partner or your child's school. You can also talk to a professional at the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000. Talking about it will help you decide the best action to take to ensure your child is safe. If you are concerned that a child has been, or is being sexually abused, you should report it. You can report directly to CEOP or your local police force. If you think your child is in immediate danger call 999. **Report an incident to CEOP.**

Seeking support for yourself

Whatever your situation it is likely that you will need support for yourself, as well as for your child. Talk to a friend or relative who you trust, who will listen and support you, or call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000. **Advice on on how to look after yourself.**

Any Questions?

If you have any questions from today's session then please contact the school that will be linked to this presentation.

Thank you for your continued support and hope you found the information of use.