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Online Safeguarding is an integral part of education in today's modern world. At King Athelstan we strive to ensure children understand the risks and key issues of online safeguarding to enable them to become safe and confident internet users both in school and at home.

In School:

Children at King Athelstan are equipped to <u>'Become Internet Legends'</u> through whole school online safeguarding assemblies, as well as Computing and PSHE lessons. By equipping children with a secure knowledge and understanding of online safeguarding, we are able to use the internet to enhance the curriculum and children's learning throughout the school. If children have any concerns about anything they encounter when using the internet, they can discuss these with their class teacher, computing coordinator, the Inclusion team or any member of the senior leadership team.

<u>At Home:</u>

In these unprecedented times, children may be using the internet more often than usual. Please use the link below for information on how to set up parental controls in order to enable your children safer access to the internet: <u>Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters</u>

Parental Controls give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online. Our step-by-step guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

If you are still concerned about any online activity that your child has engaged in, or if they have seen something that has made them feel uncomfortable/is inappropriate, then please use the 'Helpful Links' below.

If you have further concerns about your child's safety when using the internet, then you should report these to CEOP, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection agency on https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/ Find out more about CEOP here: https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Helpful Links

There is a wealth of information for parents and carers regarding online safety, which can be found at the following links:

https://www.internetmatters.org/

An outstanding resource, this is a go-to destination for parents who want advice and support about how to keep children safe online. It contains information and guidance about the main e-safety issues children might be exposed to when browsing the internet. The site contains excellent guides to help parents understand information relevant to their child's age, the latest in connected technologies, mobile applications, social networking and online gaming. It also has instructions for parents on how to set up parental controls for specific broadband and mobile providers, devices and content providers.

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/

Net Aware - This excellent resource is produced by O2 and NSPCC. It is a guide for parents and carers to the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. Using reviews from adults and children, it helps parents decide if a site is right for their child, if it is age appropriate, and explores what risks they might encounter.

https://www.childline.org.uk/

Children can get help and advice about a wide range of issues. They can call Childline on 0800 1111, talk to a counsellor online, send **Childline** an email or post on the message boards.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. Explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you are using a phone, tablet or computer.