



E-safety and Social Media

Recently there have been a number of high profile in the media relating to internet safety and the risks to children when they have unsupervised access to a range of social media.

We are aware that some of our children have accounts on a range of social media (such as Instagram) whose own guidelines detail that they are for children aged 13+.

For the safety and well being of all of our children we would strongly encourage parents to monitor their child's internet and social media use, who they are in contact with and the comments, photos and videos they are posting. Apart from making children vulnerable to contact from strangers, inappropriate comments posted can also cause distress and upset to other children and parents. In our experience, despite security being set to friendship groups photos, videos and especially comments have been shared with the wider community.

In school the internet filters we use and the fact that children are supervised whilst online means that they are safe. We constantly emphasise internet safety and children are aware of procedures to follow if they feel vulnerable on line. However, once the children leave the safety of the school environment and access the internet and social media unsupervised at home they become extremely vulnerable. As a parent you have a very important role to play in ensuring your child's online safety.

For more information on keeping your child safe online go to www.thinkuknow.co.uk

