

Safer Use of the Internet

To keep children safe:

- ensure that your child knows not to share personal information such as their passwords, phone number or email addresses.
- ensure that they only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element such as: Moshi Monsters, XBOX or Club Penguin.
- use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private.
- be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it is intended as a joke.
- use secure and legal sites to download music and games.
- Do not open attachments unless you know the origin. Links to free items and quiz prizes should not be opened from unknown sources.
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content.
- tell them that they should never meet up with anyone they have met online without a trusted adult being present.
- remind children that they should seek the advice of an adult if they feel unsafe about their online experiences.



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Information for Parents*

Welcome

At St John Vianney Catholic Primary School, Christ is at the centre of everything we do. We have one school rule which is:

*'Love one another
as I have loved you.'*

We strive to promote the values of our Christian faith throughout our daily life. We provide a religious syllabus, which develops our children's knowledge and understanding of our faith.

St John Vianney School is a happy and caring school where every child is known and loved. We seek to challenge and support all our children and make them excellent citizens of the future; knowing how important it is to do their best and care for those around them.



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The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. Adults may sometimes feel that children have better technical skills than they do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

At St. John Vianney, we believe that promotion of safe use of the internet is an essential element of safeguarding every child in our care.

Children and young people need to be empowered to keep themselves safe – this isn't just a top down approach. Children will be children – pushing boundaries and taking risks.

We understand that teaching children about technology must be seen as another part of keeping them safe, just like crossing the road or learning to swim.

We ensure that the children at St. John Vianney School are well-informed of the potential dangers of using the internet and we endeavour to provide them with strategies for ensuring that they are safe in their use of this technology.

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As part of our provision, we promote Safer Internet Day and ensure that Internet Safety is revisited throughout the year in order to ensure that awareness is heightened.

We liaise with outside agencies to ensure that the importance of safe use of the internet is reinforced throughout the year.

We enlist the help of:

West Midlands Police Service

NSPCC—Childline 0800 1111

Life Education Caravan

We use resources such as:

Protective Behaviours Programme

www.ceop.police.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.digizen.org

We respond as necessary to issues and misuse of the internet and social media in order to safeguard children.

Incidences of inappropriate internet use are dealt with and recorded.

Advice is provided for parents, both on our website and through presentations by outside agencies at Parents' Meetings, to inform and support them in keeping their children safe.