

Do You Know if your child posts to YouTube?

Dear Parents / Carers,

As a result of recent conversations with parents we have been made aware of the fact that **some of the children in Year Six are posting videos on YouTube. This ignores many of the safety messages that we give out in school.**

Without wanting to alarm you, this could possibly put them at risk.

Allowing your children to post photos and video online is a decision for you as parents, but here are some things to consider.

We must all take these responsibilities seriously.

School will:

- Make sure that we give out e-safety messages throughout the year through our curriculum delivery
- Raise e-safety awareness through high profile events and assemblies
- Support parents with practical advice and support on how to limit risk online.
- Follow the schools published e-safety protocols when publishing to the school blogs / website.

Parents should:

- Think about the number of ways that your children have access to the internet both at home and outside the home – do they have an internet enabled phone, ipad / ipod, PSP or tablet?
- If your home has wi-fi can your children access the internet unsupervised, if so when, could this be limited?
- Think about the devices your children could use to create videos / images and post unsupervised. Do their devices have cameras or does the computer have a webcam?
- Are your children using Skype / Facetime unsupervised, do you know who is on their contact lists?
- Decide if you want your child to post images / video online.
- Talk to your children about ways in which they could be identified online through a video / image – do they give away details of where they live, could the view from the background give away your child's location, are they wearing a school uniform?
- Talk to your children about geotagging of images that could show patterns of behaviour – would the tag show that they always go to the park/youthclub on a Friday at 6.30pm?
- Look at posts that your children have made on social media together and decide if your child is keeping themselves safe.

Children should:

- Never post images or video of yourselves online that they would not want your parents to see.
- Never post or give away information that would give someone information about where you are at a regular time each week.
- Never post images of yourself wearing your school uniform on social media, unless it's on the school website or blog.
- Never create a video that makes you or other people feel uncomfortable.
- Never create or post images or video of another person without their permission
- Always be responsible for the content that you post.

Once content is released onto the internet there is no way of getting it back!

Difficult as it may be, please do have the conversation with your children.

The more times they hear the messages, the more seriously they will take their online safety.