

Beverley School

A specialist school for children and young people with autism where staff and governors are fully committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils



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Dear parents and carers

As I'm sure you are aware, there is a strong focus on E safety in Beverley School. When using the Internet, mobile phones and social media, the safety of our pupils is always at the forefront of our minds. In these troubled times, where pupils are encouraged to work from home on a computer and using the Internet, I feel that it is even more important than ever to keep children safe. As a teacher of ICT and I am writing to offer guidelines and suggestions on how to keep your child safe online. These include -

- Set time limits – manage how long your children spend online.
- Get instant alerts – get e mail or text alerts when your children try to view blocked sites or post confidential information.
- Social Networking tools – control the use of social networks like Facebook and Twitter, and set up alerts if personal information is posted.
- YouTube filtering – a unique technology to prevent exposure to unsuitable content.
- Usage Reports – review your child's online activity.

If you are unsure of how to set up any of these controls, contact your internet service provider who can offer help and guidance on these.

All service providers have their own unique protection.

Sky Broadband Shield – A set of tools to make the Internet a safer place for families. This enables parents to set age ratings on sites, place watersheds, block content, including adult sites, social media and explicit content.

Virgin Media – Screens out offensive material, filters sites by pre-defined age categories, block specific sites, control access to chat sites or social networking, see a history of sites viewed.

BT Cleanfeed – blocks sites classed as illegal by the Internet Watch Foundation.

Talk Talk Homesafe – Homesafe is designed to block every device in your household from websites you have defined unsuitable for your home.

Plusnet – Plusnet offer Plusnet Internet Security. With this service, parents and carers are able to set safe boundaries for children with parental controls.

Can I please ask you to visit the Think U Know website, which provides excellent advice on E Safety guidance for parents of children working from home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/parents-helpsheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=11c85df25c-TUK_GLOBAL_MAR_2020_MESSAGE&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-11c85df25c-55403801

Kind Regards

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