

# Online Safety – useful information for parents/carers



## Be SMART online

At St Joan of Arc Primary school online safety training is taught in Computing lessons and as part of the PSHE programme, reinforced where appropriate across the curriculum. Pupils learn and understand the importance of the 5 '**SMART**' rules that we should always follow when online.

- ✓ **S – Safe:** Keep your personal information safe. For example, use a nickname when online not your real name
- ✓ **M – Meeting:** Friends made online are strangers; meeting them can be dangerous
- ✓ **A – Accepting:** Accepting files can be dangerous. If you're unsure, ask an adult!
- ✓ **R – Reliable:** Not everyone or everything online is reliable or trustworthy
- ✓ **T – Tell:** Always tell an adult if something online upsets or worries you

Find out more about the **SMART** rules:

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/beingsmart/>

Watch videos about the SMART crew [here](#) at [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

### SJA's E-Team:

One representative from each class is selected to be on the SJA E-Team. These pupils help organise Safer Internet Week and help their classmates stay safe online.

### Parental Controls:

*Did you know that you can set up filters on your home internet to help prevent children viewing inappropriate content?*

The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media – provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce these [helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.](#)

### Suggested Apps for children to use at home:

It can be difficult to choose apps that you can trust. This is a great website designed by a teacher who reviews and rates educational apps. It is for parents who would like guidance about what apps to download for their children.

[www.apps4primaryschools.co.uk/SqueeblesTimesTables](http://www.apps4primaryschools.co.uk/SqueeblesTimesTables) – allows children to practise their times tables in the most fun and interactive way possible.

**Suggested Phonics app for EYFS and KS1:**  
[Funimal Phonics](#) - This is an app aimed at children learning their letter sounds. You can set it to UK pronunciation of the letter sounds and words.

### Age ratings for Apps, Games and Websites:

Visit the Common Sense Media website to find out more about the apps and games that your child is using.

The website shows you ratings and reviews for hundreds of popular games, apps, movies and websites.

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/>

### Safety tools on social networks and other services:

Most online services offer some safety features that can help you manage access to age-inappropriate content, report concerns or protect privacy.

Click [here](#) for information on these safety tools.

[www.saferinternet.org](http://www.saferinternet.org)

