



ONLINE SAFETY



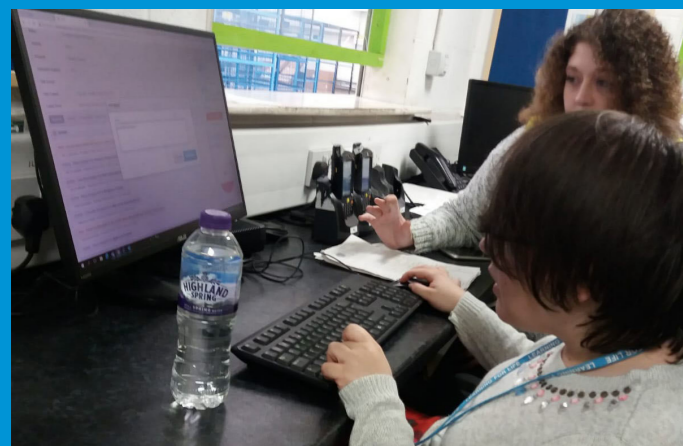
Welcome to our new Online Safety newsletter!

Each term, we will share the latest advice and guidance with you as well as the wonderful things taking place at West Lea school.

The online world provides our learners with exciting opportunities and a range of benefits to learning and life. But there is a small element of risk with the online world. We are committed to ensuring our learners are equipped to understand and deal with these potential risks.

At West Lea we teach Online Safety lessons from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 5. Children will be exposed to a range of topics that cover the 4 Cs listed in Keeping Children Safe in Education. These are Content, Contact, Conduct and Contract risks. Our lessons are all delivered with age and stage related materials and resources.

Our mission, vision and values set out how we ensure every child can flourish and understand the key principles ensuring they can use the internet safely and within the law.



Inclusion is key to ensure that our learners access online safety tips and messages. We explore various scenarios for children to fully understand things are not always what they seem. Empowering pupils with the tools they need to not be tricked or given false information.

At the heart of our message to combat cyberbullying is **kindness**. To have the confidence to report and stand up to bullies online and understand that online actions can leave a digital footprint that follows them in real life.

Learning for Life is essential, and with the changes in technologies, we have to equip our learners with transferable skills they can apply in different situations online.

Live streaming, gaming, social media, and other technological **Innovations** are some of what our children are using at home. There are ways we can make their experiences safer by setting up privacy settings and parental controls.

We want to nurture our whole school **community** approach to online safety with comprehensive training and resources for teachers, children and parents. Together we can make a safer internet for our young people.

Angela Poplar
Head of ICT



INITIATIVES AT WEST LEA

Last term we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' The whole school got involved with an array of activities, including assemblies, delivering lessons to their peers, online safety races and a safety hunt!

Online Safety Ambassadors:

We are launching our 'Online Safety Ambassadors' next term.

Children at each campus can apply to become a West Lea Online Safety Ambassador as part of our launch next term. Our ambassadors will be encouraged to talk to other members of the school about tips on keeping safe online and will feedback to staff about what they have been learning, and what children are doing online. Stay tuned for more information on this!

USEFUL RESOURCES

We have signed up to National Online Safety Centre which provides staff with a range of age appropriate resources to support our learners.

Our subscription also grants our Parents and Carers access to Online Safety training, explainer videos and weekly guides and resources.

To access the resources, please create an account by following nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/west-lea-school-haselbury-campus and filling in your details.

KEY INFORMATION

Friday 1st April

End of Spring Term (1:30pm)

The government is taking steps to strengthen Online Safety Law to stamp out illegal content online.

Find out more information:
www.gov.uk/government/news/online-safety-law-to-be-strengthened-to-stamp-out-illegal-content