

Welcome back

Welcome back, I hope you had a restful half term.

Many of us will have found lots of fun and creative ways to keep our children entertained over the break and some of this may have been online.

According to latest research from Ofcom, nearly half of all 3-4 year olds now have their own tablet or device. Many children love to play online games and as they get older this will often involve speaking to others.

At West Lea School we make online safety a priority and our online safety Ambassadors help to support this.

Huge congratulations to our newly elected online safety ambassadors for Haselbury Campus:

Connor Flack, Habiballa Aly, Liam-Kai Jazzar, Amy-Louise Fairhurst, Daniel Leigh and Jakub Budzyn.

Their mission is: **to keep the pupils of West Lea School safe when they go on the internet.** They will do this by presenting at online safety themed assemblies, collecting the views of all the pupils as well as working with online safety leads to identify areas of concern.

We will shortly be holding elections for representatives from other campuses to join our ambassador team so this very important work can continue.

I can't wait to share more information with you in our next printed newsletter coming home in December.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you have any queries or concerns about online safety. I am very happy to help.



ANGELA POPLAR
Head of ICT



Having conversations

It is never too early to start speaking to children about how they can keep themselves safe online.

AT SCHOOL

As children get older, children enjoy online gaming and having a social media presence. This often involves speaking with others online. At West Lea School we begin discussions in PSHE lessons, teaching children about the potential dangers of sharing information and talking with strangers.

AT HOME

Speaking with your child from a young age about what they are doing online and checking if they are talking to anyone, can help their understanding of what is age appropriate.

The National College online safety portal has lots of resources such as videos and guides to support you in talking to your children about online safety. For access to these resources please click [here](#).

Thrive Online from ChildNet has been designed with children 11+ in mind. These resources empower young people with SEND to have happy and healthy online relationships.



Events and key dates

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

International Social Media Kindness Day

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day

WEEK BEGINNING 14TH NOVEMBER

Anti-bullying week

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need

