



SUMMARY OF E-SAFETY SURVEY

SPRING 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware, in the spring term we conducted an on-line survey of how our pupils use the internet at home. We are pleased to now be able to share the results with you.

Context

E-safety was a whole school priority in 2013-14 and during this period we increased awareness amongst our pupils of how to stay safe online, took part in Safer Internet Day, held a parents information morning and improved the consistency of our e-safety teaching. What we were less sure of was how our children were using the internet at home. As a first step, a simple, anonymous, on-line survey was set up.

Who took part?

- 291 pupils took part in the survey
- The majority were from KS2
- An even spread of boys and girls

What devices are pupils using and what are they doing online?

- 60% have their own device.
- Approximately 50% are using a tablet.
- Laptops are the second most popular devices, followed by a relatively even spread between smartphones, PSPs and PCs.
- The most popular activity is gaming, followed by watching/downloading TV, video and film. The most popular sites included: YouTube, Friv, Mine craft and Fifa.
- Although chatting and social networking were the least popular responses, Facebook and Instagram were listed several times amongst 'favourite sites'. Both of these require users to be at least 13 years old.

Parental awareness / E-safety

- Almost half of our pupils say that they most commonly use their device in their bedrooms; the other half in a 'family room'.
- Almost half say that parents 'always' know what they're doing online, leaving just over half of our parents not knowing what some of their children are doing online at least some of the time. 5% said their parents never know what they are doing online.
- The majority of children have 'rules' at home about using the internet, but over 25% say there are 'no rules' for internet use at home. 30% responded saying that although there are rules, they are not strictly followed.
- Most (75%) have never been made to feel worried or comfortable by the things they seen.
- Of the remaining 25%, most told an adult (20%) or a friend (2.5%), but some (7 respondents) did not tell anyone.

What next?

- Results of the survey will be discussed with children in assemblies later this half-term; parents are informed via this letter; governors will also be made aware; and it will be discussed with staff.
- The results will help us develop specific areas of our e-safety provision.
- The results have already helped formed the decision to increase the use of tablet devices across the school (recent additions being Learn Pads in Nursery to Y1, Hudls in Y2-4 and iPads in Y5&6).
- Parents will be invited to a follow-up e-safety meeting (date TBC).
- Staff will be asked to consider how the children's interests are best reflected in the curriculum.

We hope that this information has been informative and useful for you. If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher or myself.

Many thanks,

Jamie Allen
Deputy Head Teacher and E-Safety Officer