

At Willerby Carr Lane Primary School we know from first-hand experience that the internet is a powerful way to enhance and broaden a child's education. Teaching and learning in every subject in the curriculum can make good use of web-based material.

However, we also know that the Internet allows access to a great deal of entertainment, information and communication which is not related to school-based learning and children, being naturally curious, will want to explore and investigate.

This exploration is not necessarily harmful, but if unsupervised and unmonitored can result in children encountering inappropriate material or unknown people which can upset or confuse them, or worse.

As a school we recommend that Key Stage 1 and 2 children should always have a responsible adult with them when online at home and that the computer is in a public place.

Keeping children completely isolated from the internet may be tempting, but in the long term they will all need to understand the web and how they can use it positively, safely and to their benefit.

As your child's parent or carer you are in a strong position to help them learn how to avoid potential problems and get the most out of the web. This is a long-term project with a lot to cover. (See our E-safety policy and curriculum plans above)

With this in mind, we have collected a range of resources to help you develop your child's understanding, skill and confidence. We recommend that you have a good look around each site on your own first in order to focus on issues which may be of particular relevance.

Happy surfing!

### **Suggested resources:**

- <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> Thinkuknow - a mock cybercafé which uses online role-play to help children from 5 to 16+ explore a range of issues.
- <http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/pdf/supportnet/InternetSafety.pdf> Aimed at parents and carers, there is a great deal of very clear information about chat rooms, social networking sites, email and much more.
- <http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/usingcomputersandtheinternet> A very comprehensive site aimed at parents and carers. Includes many articles and external links to other helpful sites.
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise> Includes an 'Internet for Beginners' course and a tool for answering your internet related questions.
- <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/> Explains the SMART rules for safe internet use and lots more besides.
- <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/> The government's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
- <http://www.parents.vodafone.com> Vodafone's site is designed to help parents and carers develop an understanding of their child's internet use