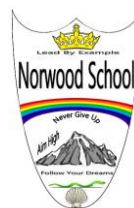


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Tuesday 10th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

In the last few weeks there have been a few issues, particularly with some of our older children, where the use of technology have led to situations where children have been put in vulnerable situations. These have mainly been through social media sites such as Facebook and Instagram, sites which generally have age restriction of 13+ for very good reasons.

Please be assured that whilst children are online at school we have a number of measures in place to keep our children safe. These range from firewalls, content blocking, site restrictions and reporting facilities. However Norwood Primary School does not believe that this is enough and a huge part of online safety is actually about how children behave themselves online and ensuring that children know how to raise any issues immediately should something occur.

As part of our curriculum we work with children at an age appropriate level to help them to learn how to keep safe online and what to do if something does go wrong. We very much welcome support from our wider school community in keeping our children safe and we have recently worked with the NSPCC on social media and what has become part of so many people's daily life.

The NSPCC and O2 have worked together to create excellent websites that provide information and guidance on how adults can help children stay safe online.

NSPCC – <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

O2 – http://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc?cm_mmc=msnuk_-PPC_Brand_Other_Partnerships_-NSPCC-BrandO2-Search-Broad_-Children%20O2%20%20children%20o2%20Broad

From January 2016 the NSPCC and O2 are also offering free parent/carers workshops at locations across the country and places can be booked by visiting <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/online-safety-workshop-sign-up/>

Another great website that is full of age appropriate resources and information used across school is <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We will continue our good work around safety online, however should you have concerns regarding any child within our school community please do make an appointment to see our Designated Child Protection Lead (Mrs Cockerill, Mrs Burnham or myself) and we will be happy to listen to your concerns and discuss how to support child safety online.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Reynolds
Head Teacher

