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Internet Safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

Redlands Primary School is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to raise this particular issue as a growing concern. It has been brought to our attention that over the weekend some boys in Year 5, have inadvertently accessed inappropriate material on the internet. They had been internet gaming and it appears that they have been invited into a game, which gave them access to inappropriate material.

In addition to this, we are dealing with the aftermath of inappropriate comments children are making towards each other whilst on these games. These are being brought to school, resulting in children falling out during play and lunch times.

Whilst on games, children are often creating 'groups' to which others are joining. This means that all information is shared with anyone who is in the group, so privacy is lost and in some cases strangers have been added to the group.

In school we take E-safety very seriously, addressing with the children regularly the importance of staying safe on the internet. We held a whole school assembly on 18th September explaining to the children some rules Zip it, Block it and Flag it!

Our Safeguarding advisor Mrs Liz Braithwaite has already been into school this term, during this visit we arranged for her to offer a work shop for parents to support and advise about internet safety. The date of this will be confirmed.

Please could we ask that you are vigilant in checking what games your child is accessing and the material that is attached to it. Ensuring filters are appropriately set. We recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online www.thinkuknow.co.uk . www.net-aware.org.uk and www.getsafeonline.org

Thank you for your support in this matter, as ever we appreciate everyone's support,

Regards and very best wishes,

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