



Online Safety News

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first online safety newsletter of the new school year! This half term we are focusing on being Internet Sharp and learning why it is so important to Think Before You Share.



What We're Doing in School



This half term, our digital citizenship lessons focus on helping children understand that what they do online leaves a lasting trail.

- **Digital Footprints:** Learning that information and photos shared online can last forever.
- **The Teacher Test:** Encouraging children to think: "Would a teacher or parent be happy seeing this?" before hitting send.
- **Privacy Check:** Exploring how privacy settings help us control who can see our information.

How you can help at home

✓ Ask: 'Who can see what you share?'

Have a look at the privacy settings on your child's favourite games or apps together. Talk about keeping profiles set to 'private' or 'friends only'.

✓ The 'Front Gate' Rule:

Remind your child that if they wouldn't tape a photo or comment to the school front gate for everyone to see, they shouldn't share it online.

✓ Keep the Conversation Going:

Ask: "What did you do online today?" You don't need to be a tech expert – just talk!