

# Purple Post

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## Principal's Message

*We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.*

## Safer Internet Week Special.

*You may be aware that this week has been Safer Internet Week with Safer Internet Day being celebrated across the nation on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February.*

*In school we continually deliver learning about how to stay safe online including how to report any concerns if pupils are worried by anything that they see, hear or are involved in. Despite this, we are very aware, from what pupils tell us, that this continues to be an issue for even our younger pupils.*

*In this version of the Purple Post we're aiming to support you to reinforce online safety at home by becoming more aware of how to manage what your child is looking at as well as how to talk to your child about some of the dangers they may face and how to deal with them. If you'd like more help or advice, please speak to your child's class teacher, check our website or follow the links provided on this newsletter.*

*Liz Latham*



## Under 13s not allowed.

**If your child is under 13 then they should not be accessing social media sites such as**

**TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat.**

## Help to protect your child from risk and harmful content- do you know the risks?

**Despite age restrictions, many pupils have accounts or access to these sites. Do you know how to set parental controls on Tik Tok? Do you know about the safety features on Snapchat? Click here to find out what you need to know about TikTok:**

[Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok | Common Sense Media](#)



**And for Snapchat click here:**

[Snapchat safety: A how to guide for parents |](#)

[Internet Matters](#) **Or here:**

[Is Snapchat safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)

## Safer Internet Day

**Along with the rest of the country, we filled Tuesday with lots of activities, discussions and tasks around using the internet safely. There are lots of brilliant resources and tips for parents about how to support your child being safe online. Click here to find out more:**

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## What about online

### gaming risks?

Risks depend on how a games console is being used and the apps installed. If it is being used for chatting as well as gaming, this could introduce the following risks:



- Cyberbullying and harassment from both friends and strangers
- Unwanted contact from others and strangers
- Over-sharing personal information, such as your name, location or images
- Accessing inappropriate content
- Excessive screen time
- Behaving inappropriately or unkindly online

**For more information on this click here:**

[How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

## Need more help or advice?

**It's so important to make sure your child is safe online and knows how to respond if they are worried about anything they see- please let us know if there's anything we can do to help with this generally or specifically.**