How to keep your children safe online during home learning

As I am sure you are all aware, we are encouraging all children to go online during this time, in order to access the resources that we are sharing for their home learning. However, your child's safety is extremely important to us especially when they are online. So we thought we would share some tips and ideas about how to check that they are safe and how to remind them of how important online safety is.

- Read and share the e-safety newsletter with your child. These can be found under the 'Parents & Families' tab on the school website. These have the most up-to-date advice about staying safe online.
- Ensure you have all your parental controls set up on the devices that the children are using.
- Make sure all children are following the SMART tips that we follow in school – see attached poster.
- During this time all KS1 and KS2 children have access to 'Google Classroom' where their teacher or staff, who work in their year group, will set tasks and give them ideas of activities to do. We would advise that you check with your child regularly that they are only following the links and ideas given to them.   If they were using other websites for research, then we would advise they show you the websites first.
- Please be aware that the children can also leave messages on 'Google Classroom', so remind them to be sensible with this and not use it as a chat room. The teachers will monitor all interactions on there but also try to keep reminding your child of this too.
- Our school website will also be updated with any new advice about online safety so remember to check on there too.

Stay safe and enjoy your time with your children!

Be smart on the internet

S | **SAFE** — Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

m | **MEETING** — Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

a | **ACCEPTING** — Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

r | **RELIABLE** — Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

t | **TELL** — Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK U KNOW .co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART — Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.