



Mount Pellon  
Primary Academy

## Safeguarding at Mount Pellon



Welcome to our half termly newsletter. Each half-term, our newsletter will share information about how, together, we can keep children safe. This newsletter will focus on E-Safety.

Tools to access the internet are all around us wherever we go. In this growing digital age, it is important that we teach our children how to use equipment and the internet safely so that they are able to learn, work, be successful and have the skills they need to become independent adults.

### Top Tips for parents:

#### 1. Use parental controls

Many products have parental controls or child-safe modes. These limit the searches that children can make, prevent them from downloading anything without permission or stop them purchasing products and apps



#### 2. Check connections are safe

Check the internet router is secure. If the device has Bluetooth, set it to 'undiscoverable' to prevent data being shared or hackers taking control of the device



#### 3. Be password protected

Make sure you set all devices with a string, unique password. It is recommended that passwords should be at least 8 characters long, have lower case letters, upper case letters, numbers and symbols in them. Try to not re-use the password and teach child the importance of not sharing passwords

#### 4. Talk to your child about online safety

Explain to your child about how to stay safe online. Our curriculum phrase will help you to focus on the key messages - 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It'. Also remember to openly discuss with your child about the sites that they are visiting. It is always safer for children to use equipment in the living room where they can be carefully monitored



#### 5. Read the manual

New toys may have the ability to connect to the internet. Read the manual to find out how the device collects and shares data. This way you are in control of the information that is shared with others about your child



#### 6. Be app aware

Many devices also either require or have the ability to download apps. Always check the age ratings, privacy settings and permissions of the apps before downloading



## 7. Get advice

You can get advice from the following websites:

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

You can report inappropriate websites or abusive behaviour online at:

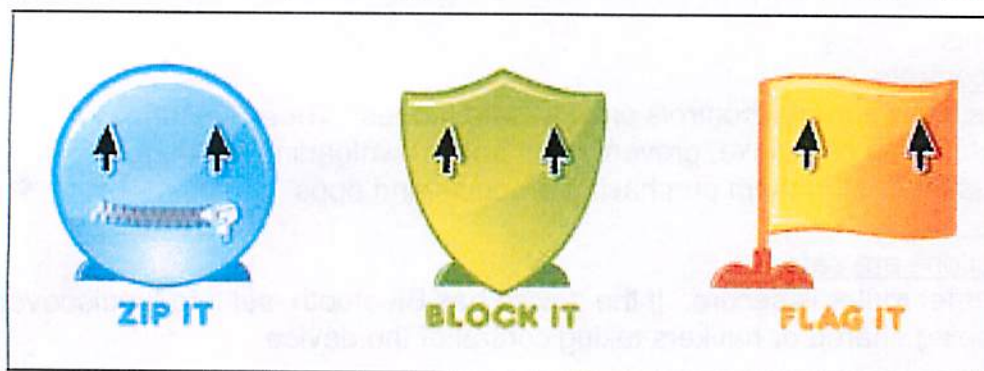
[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)



Additionally, O2 mobile company offer a free service in safety features of any mobile phone. You do not need to use them as a provider. Why not pop in and ask about their service when you are next in town?

## Our Curriculum:

We teach the children about how to remain safe online through our computing and PSHEE curriculum. There are three key messages that we teach the children – 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It'



### Zip It

- Only type messages that you would like to receive
- Keep private information to yourself
- Do not share passwords

### Block It

- Click to block unsuitable sites
- Close pages that make you feel worried or scared and tell an adult immediately
- Do not open messages or files from people that you do not know

### Flag It

- Tell an adult or report unsuitable web pages
- Tell an adult of behaviour online that upsets you
- Tell an adult if someone asks you to meet them

A key message we also give children is that online the word 'friends' refers to people we are linked with and may not know in real-life. Therefore, we cannot always trust them.

If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of your child, please contact the office to make an appointment with one of our DSLs. We would be happy to listen and will work with you to support your child.

