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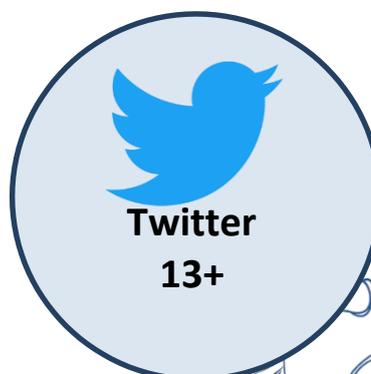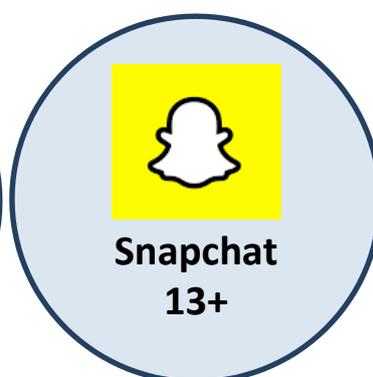
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Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?

Discord
13+

Facebook
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Instagram
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Snapchat
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TikTok
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Twitch
13+

Twitter
13+

Youtube
13+

What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option. Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13:
https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/

Net Aware provide further information about the most popular apps, games and social media sites: https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/

Video games

Video games are rated using the PEGI system. PEGI rates games across 5 different age groups; these are 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18. So if a game is rated as 16, it means that the game is not suitable for those under the age of 16. The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. (Source: https://pegi.info/). In addition, PEGI rate the game based on the features of the game and provide icons to easily identify what type of content is within the game, for example drugs, bad language or gambling. A full description of each 'content descriptor' is available here: https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean.
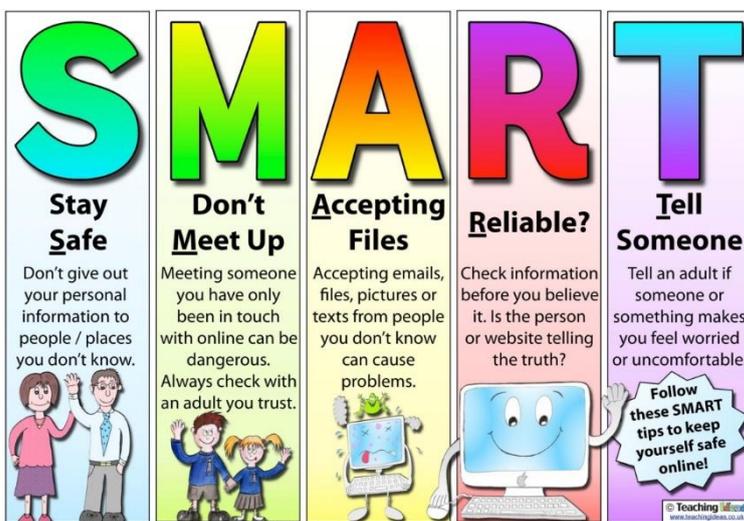
Google Classroom

Within school we have now changed from Windows laptops to Chromebooks. We have made this transition because it is easier for children to save their work and will enable them to have some independence when working from home. All children will need to know their own log in details including passwords.

These details will be:
Childsname@stkenelmsprimary.uk
Password set by parents

User agreements

All pupils, parents, staff, volunteers and governors are expected to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the school's ICT systems and the internet. Over the next coming weeks, we will be sending home an acceptable use agreement. Please read this through with your child and both of you (parent and pupil) are required to sign it. Please ensure this is signed and returned to school.

Useful links

The following set of videos from the UK Safer Internet Centre are aimed at helping you to help your children.

Childnet International - http://www.childnet.com/resources

Childline - http://www.childline.org.uk

Think U Know (links to CEOP) - www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre - www.ceop.gov.uk

CBBC Stay Safe - www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe

Internet Matters - https://www.internetmatters.org/start-school-safe-online/

S Stay Safe - Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M Don't Meet Up - Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A Accepting Files - Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R Reliable? - Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T Tell Someone - Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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Worried about something you've seen on the internet? Want to help your child be safer?

CEOP

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/