



# The Two Way Street

**W**elcome to the third edition of St John's Two Way Street focusing on **E-Safety**.

The internet is a big part of children's lives. It opens up many educational and social opportunities. Whether on a computer at school, a laptop at home, a games console or mobile phone, children and young people are increasingly accessing the internet whenever they can and wherever they are.

As you would protect your child in the real world, you will want to make sure that they are safe whatever they are doing. If your child understands the risks and can make sensible choices online, they can get the most from the internet and stay safe whilst doing so.

## So, how can you protect your child online?

- ⚠ Know what your children are doing online and who they are talking to. Ask them to teach you to use any applications you have never used. **Keeping the computer in a family room** means that you can share your child's online experience.
- ⚠ Help your children to understand that they should **never give out personal details to online friends**. Personal information includes their messenger ID, email address, mobile number and any pictures of themselves, their family or friends.
- ⚠ If your child publishes a picture or video online, anyone can change it or share it. Remind them that anyone may be looking at their images.
- ⚠ If your child receives junk email & texts, remind them never to believe them, reply to them or use them. It's not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain — it could be a virus, or worse.
- ⚠ Help your child to understand that some people lie online. They should **never meet up with any strangers** without an adult they trust.
- ⚠ Always **keep communication open** for a child to know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

If you would like more information on e-safety here are some useful websites: [www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk), [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk), [www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org)

Come along to our parents' e safety information session on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am in the hall.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions - why don't you email us on our brand new address specifically for the  
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