

On-line Safety for Parents

New Mills High School

Tuesday 1st October 2019

6:15 – 7:15

The PEGS (Peak Edge Group of Schools) collaboration has organised training for its community. The children, staff and parents will all be included. The meeting for parents is to heighten awareness of online safety. The sessions will be led by Traci Good, who is an online safety expert and trainer. I do hope you will be able to attend.

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.

You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. Below are four examples:

Children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information. Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet.

Age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children. Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful.

Children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them. It is important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are.

Young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites. Young people's privacy and enjoyment online can sometimes be affected by advertising and marketing schemes, which can also mean inadvertently spending money online.

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online.