Online Safety for Parents

It is really important that parents and carers work with us to ensure children stay safe in their use of technology. When we talk about Online Safety, we are not just talking about the internet. We are talking about the use of mobile phones, computers, games consoles (such as X-Box and PS), televisions, tablets (such as the iPad) and many other things. We teach Online Safety though our PSHCE and ICT curriculum and repeat our messages at least termly.

There are several elements to Online Safety that we teach at Hanging Heaton:

1. How to use the internet safely, and what to do if something goes wrong or we see something we shouldn't
2. How to keep ourselves safe - keeping our details private and keeping our data secure
3. How to behave when using technology - being courteous and responsible, and what to do if others treat us in a way which is not kind. This strand also links with our positive behaviour policy.
4. Encouraging a healthy use of technology - not over-using mobiles, consoles or computers.

Your child will have been asked to fill out our 'acceptable use policy' (details below) when we started in September. This details some of the ways in which we encourage children to behave, and outlines our rules for safe use of technology. Also attached is a copy of our school Online Safety policy.

There are many different sources of information to help support your children in this increasingly complex area. TheCEOP's Thinkuknow website contains information aimed at Parents as well as for children to access themselves as well as Childnet resources. This is a valuable tool for helping you discuss with your child many difficult concepts as and when you believe your child is ready or needs to be aware of them. It also gives the opportunity for you or your child to report any online safety concerns. The children's section is age related and so is split into Key Stage 1, 2 and Secondary level. The Parents section covers all ages.

Links:

Parents website - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

http://www.childnet.com/blog/free-internet-safety-leaflets-for-parents-2016

Children - Key Stage 1 http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Children - Key Stage 2 http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Other useful websites:

For Key Stage 2 or to look at with your children- http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe

http://www.netsmartzkids.org/

https://goo.gl/WYVNW9