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### **FLAG IT**

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At New Hartley First School we use Zip It! Block It! Flag It! to remind us how to act safely online.

The code has three simple actions for the children:

- Zip it – keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online
- Block it – block people who send you nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments
- Flag it – flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline

## **Parents Guide**

### **ZIP IT**

Make sure your child knows to always keep private information safe and watch what they say on the internet. People may not be who they say they are online and it's not always possible to control who can see your child's information.

Your child should know not to give out information like:

- their full name, photos,
- postal or email addresses
- school information
- mobile or home telephone numbers
- details of places they like to spend time

Make sure your child knows that they shouldn't arrange to meet people that they have only met online. Even if they have been chatting with someone for a while, that person is still a stranger.

You can help keep your child's information safe by setting privacy settings. This can restrict access to personal information and photos on things like social networking sites.

You should also encourage your child to use a nickname instead of their real name in chat rooms or on instant messaging services. To stop people accessing your child's online accounts, encourage them to keep their passwords secret, and to change them regularly.

### **BLOCK IT**

Get your child to block people who send offensive messages and tell them not to open unknown links and attachments. They should delete any suspicious emails or attachments as they may contain something offensive or have a virus that can cause damage to the computer.

One of the main ways children can come across inappropriate content online is through search results. Most search engines include a 'safe search' option that excludes results containing inappropriate images or key words.

You can also install parental control software to filter out harmful and inappropriate content for computers and some mobile phones and games consoles.

### **FLAG IT**

The final rule is that your child should come to you or a trusted adult if they are worried or unhappy about anything they see online. They should also do this if a friend, they have made online, has asked to meet them in the offline world.

If your child does experience inappropriate content online, report it to the website it appears on. UKCCIS has developed an internet safety 'one stop shop' with more information.

We cannot regulate the online access that pupils have outside school and in their own homes but there is clear guidance on the appropriate age ranges for certain online apps and we would like to draw your attention to these below.

WhatsApp recently announced a drop in their age limit for users in the **UK from 16+ to 13 years old.**

Nearly all other social media services require users **to be at least 13 years of age** to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok, Musical.ly and Skype.

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be **13 or older** to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

Therefore, as per these guidelines, no child at New Hartley First School should be able to access and use any of the aforementioned social media apps.