



Benhall St Mary's CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Keeping children safe on the internet

Sadly it has come to my attention that a number of our children, including some quite young, have been stumbling across inappropriate material on a range of devices at home. It seems that innocent searches, or typos, have led to heightened interest in other areas and some very explicit material has been accessed. This can lead to heightened anxiety, body image issues, panic and it may prompt some difficult questions about sex and relationships.

Therefore I wanted to provide you with some useful information on how to prevent or deal with the aftermath of children accessing such material. Please find attached an NSPCC leaflet advising parents on the best way to deal with this kind of internet issue.

By far and away the most effective way of preventing this is to ensure that all devices, including your own mobile phones, have parental controls set up to the highest level. Advice on how to do this on a range of devices from games consoles to tablets can be found on www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety . Another useful site is www.childnet.com.

Unfortunately, it appears that this problem is becoming more and more common and it would be naive to think that it wouldn't happen in our own family unit. I urge you all to reassess how your children access the internet and put the necessary systems in place to ensure their protection.

If you have any further questions or would like some advice, please don't hesitate in coming to see me or any other member of staff.

Yours Sincerely

Katie Jenkins
Headteacher

