

Oakbank School



Dear Parent/Carer

As we are nearing the Easter holiday we would want to encourage some discussions at home regarding our pupils' safety and also give some safety reminders. Our pupils' safety is important to us.

Internet safety

Please discuss this matter with your child this holiday, whatever the year group or age. It is so important that the message about safe use of the internet is a message they hear at home and at school. The key phrase to use is that they should never follow or friend a person on social media that they do not know.

Using the internet safely at home: Guidance for parents keeping your child safe online

- Make sure that you know the services your child uses
- Keep the computer in a family room and ensure all devices are removed from the child's bedroom at night
- Go online yourself so that you are familiar with and understand the potential benefits and risks associated with Internet access
- Get to know your child's 'online friends' just as you do their friends
- Let them feel they can discuss any worries with you – even if they have made bad choices
- If you are concerned about your child's online activities, talk to them about it
- Develop an agreed set of family internet rules

Helping your children stay in touch with friends

- Staying connected is essential for our wellbeing
- Check in with your child on how they are doing keeping in touch with friends
- Encourage acts of kindness

Support during the Easter holiday

The email below can be used by any student that wishes to make us aware about a worry or a concern. The information will be treated with confidentiality, care, and support.

listen@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk

Enjoy the time together as families and please stay safe.

Kind Regards

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