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Dear Parents,

Keeping Children Safe Online

At Prior Heath we take online safety very seriously and we teach children how to be safe on the internet. The children are regularly reminded of our Think Then Click online safety rules which are on display in every classroom and a copy is also attached to this newsletter. We will be reinforcing online safety by taking part in **Safer Internet Day** again this year on Tuesday 11th February. Safer Internet Day is organised in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre in February of each year to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones for children and young people. This year's theme is "**Together for a better Internet**".

We will be holding an online safety assembly on Friday 7th February and using age-appropriate material to help teach children the importance of staying safe online. Further information can be found on the **UK Safer Internet Centre** website <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>. This website has a parents/carers section which includes information about setting up the parental controls on your home internet and on devices like smart phones, tablets and games consoles together with resources aimed at primary aged children.

Recommended Websites

The following websites have been recommended to us and provide important information about staying safe online:

CEOPs (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Think U Know:

The Think U Know website www.thinkuknow.co.uk provides information on internet safety and the sites young people like to visit. It is separated into sections relevant for 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 11-16 years. There is also an informative Parents/Carers section.

NSPCC

The [NSPCC's Keeping Children Safe](#) information includes advice about online safety. Their resource [Net Aware](#) is a bite-size guide to the latest and most popular social networks, apps and games children are using.

Childnet International

Childnet International <http://www.childnet.com/> is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. Here you will find top tips, games and internet safety information to help young people get the very best out of the internet and stay safe online.

Internet Matters

Internet Matters <http://www.internetmatters.org/> provides advice on important online safety issues, news and advice from industry experts, guidance on setting parental controls and filters and reviews on the latest technology and apps.

Parentzone

<https://parentzone.org.uk/> provides information and advice for families including some useful parents' guides.

Purple Mash

As you are aware, Prior Heath currently subscribes to Purple Mash which is 2simple Software's award-winning website for nursery and primary school children. It enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way and we believe it is a valuable tool which will support your child's learning.

Through Purple Mash your child will be able to explore various activities including games, art activities, design and making activities, literacy and numeracy activities etc. which are all appropriate for KS1 (Years 1 and 2). For Reception and nursery children, age appropriate activities can be found in the Mini Mash area which can be accessed from the Purple Mash home page. When working on an activity in Purple Mash your child may save it either onto your computer or better still on their Purple Mash account. This way they can open it to share at school with their class.

If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please contact the school office.

There is a link to our Purple Mash portal under Quick Links on the homepage of the Prior Heath website www.priorheathinfant.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Miss R. Bates
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Think then Click

These rules help us to stay safe on the internet



- ✓ I will take care of the school computers.
- ✓ I will ask before going on the internet.
- ✓ I will only use the internet when an adult is with me.



- ✓ I can click on the buttons or links when I know what they can do.



- ✓ I will always ask if I get lost on the internet.
- ✓ I will tell an adult if I see something on the internet that upsets me.



- ✓ I will not tell other people personal things about me including my password.
- ✓ I will always be polite and friendly when I write messages on the internet.