

LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
INTERNET SAFETY WEEK 6.2.12

Dear Parents / Carers.

At Lord Deramore's we are committed to keeping our children safe online. We have had a Safe Internet Policy for many years and two years ago had our first Internet Safety Week. Next week will be Internet Safety Week 2012. This will include an assembly and follow up lessons with discussion in the classroom. The main focus of the week is to tell the children *never* to give out any personal details on the internet.

Children are growing up with technology. It is part of their everyday lives. The Internet promotes communication and socialization, but without the control a parent would usually have. Children don't always realize that there can be real-life consequences for online choices. It may not occur to them that what they post online can be copied, saved and forwarded to others and remain long after the original has been deleted. Children like the idea of collecting 'friends', even when they have never met.

There are many web sites with advice and information for parents and carers. One of the longest established is 'Think U Know' at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
The BBC has information for different age children on the CBBC site at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe>

Please let us know if you feel there are any issues linked to children's use of the internet which would be useful for us to discuss in school.

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