

Whiston Willis Primary Academy

Children will be using the internet more during this period of closure due to COVID-19. Whiston Willis Primary Academy (WWPA) will also use online approaches to deliver work and support. Staff will be aware of the signs and signals of cyberbullying and other online risks and apply the same child-centred safeguarding practices as when children were learning at the school.

- WWPA continues to ensure [appropriate filters and monitors are in place using Purple Mash](#).
- WWPA has taken on board guidance from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) on safe remote learning and guidance. We have reviewed the code of conduct and information sharing policy accordingly - information will only be shared with school staff as necessary for the setting of work. It is felt that live lessons are inappropriate for our pupils at the current time. Staff/pupil communication will be through Purple Mash and is visible to all staff.
- Staff have discussed the risk that professional boundaries must not slip during this exceptional period and been reminded of the school's code of conduct and importance of using school systems to communicate with children and their families.
- Staff have read the [20 safeguarding considerations for livestreaming](#). It should be noted that school will not be delivering any live-streamed sessions.
- Children and young people accessing remote learning receive guidance on keeping safe online and know how to raise concerns with the school, [Childline](#), the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) and [CEOP](#). Links to the CEOP learning package will be made available to parents through our school social media channels.
- Parents and carers have received information about keeping children safe online with peers, the school, other education offers they may access and the wider internet community. We have set out the school's approach, including the sites children will be asked to access and set out who from the school (if anyone) their child is going to be interacting with online. Parents have been offered the following links:
 - [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
 - [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
 - [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
 - [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
 - [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
 - [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

- Free additional support for staff in responding to online safety issues can be accessed from the [Professionals Online Safety Helpline at the UK Safer Internet Centre](#).