



Keeping Children Safe Online:

In the real world we protect our children. So why not keep them safe online?

An 'essential' online safety briefing for parents, guardians and carers.

Date: **Thursday 7th July 2022**

Start time: **5.30pm**

Duration: **Approximately 1 hr 10 mins with time for questions.**

About the briefing

Many people, including young children are users of the internet.

Having access to online information and the functionality that the internet can offer has many benefits and for most it plays an important part of our everyday lives. However, as technology moves on at such a pace it is difficult to keep up with new trends and developments, particularly with regard to mobile devices/games technology and safe accessibility to online material.

During the COVID19 restrictions with more young people potentially spending more time online, issues relating to the exploitation, manipulation or abuse of young people has added to concerns regarding online safety.

What are our children doing online? Do we know how they are behaving?

Are they safe? Who are they communicating with?

Do they know what to do if they come across something suspicious?

Are they accessing age appropriate content?

Are they giving away too much personal information that may make them vulnerable or affect them in the future?

Are they spending too much time online?

We would ask at least one parent/carer from each family to attend this online session where a Lancashire Education Authority Consultant will present an online Zoom Internet Safety briefing to address some of the issues mentioned above.

The session is for parents/carers only and will last for approximately 1hr with an opportunity for questions during or after the presentation.

The Local Authority and our school have policies in place to ensure children are learning in a safe and secure environment which includes being safe online. Therefore, this session has been organised to help you to contribute to this process in helping children to be aware of the potential problems associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

The session is not suitable for children

OFSTED regard these sessions as an integral part of a school's Safeguarding/Online Safety policy and they expect schools to have offered this support for parents. Please help us to keep young children safe.