

Vernon Park Primary School

Online Safety Pupil Survey

This analysis is an overview of the online-safety survey that all children Y1-Y6 completed this term (September 2023). The responses that the children gave have prompted reactive work on keeping safe online in addition to the current curriculum around this.

Do you use
the Internet at
home?

- All children asked confirmed that they had used the internet at home and most are regular users.

What do you use to access the Internet?

- Xbox; PlayStation; Tablet; Laptop; iPad; Nintendo Wii; Nintendo Switch and Mobile Phones.
- PlayStation, tablets/iPads and mobile phones were the **most commonly used** devices across the school.
- Many children had **multiple** internet enabled devices.

Do you know how to use the privacy and security settings on these devices?

- The majority of children in KS1 stated **they did not know how** to set the security settings
- The majority of KS2 claimed they did.

Do you have a mobile phone that can access the Internet?

- The majority of children in our school **have their own, or have regular access to**, a mobile phone, which is internet enabled.

How long do you
spend on the
Internet (in hours)
each day?

- Although some children revealed they had limits set, the majority of children claimed to use the internet for 4+ hours a day during the week and more at weekends.

Does your Mum,
Dad or Carer discuss
safe use of the
Internet with you or
set rules around its
use?

- Roughly half the children in KS1 said no one at home had discussed how to use the internet safely.
- Approximately 2/3 children in KS2 answered that someone had discussed safe use of the internet with them.
- Most children claimed they did not have rules at home around their internet use.
- Some children knew that apps and websites had age related restrictions but the majority claimed to use them anyway – TikTok, Snapchat and WhatsApp were the most popular but Instagram, Twitter and other chatrooms were also mentioned. Some children even discussed a chatroom which matches you up to talk to an unidentified stranger although they claimed to not use this site.

Children were also asked about online gaming, streaming (such as Netflix and YouTube), their current awareness of internet safety and any concerns they might have.

Nearly all children said they knew who to talk to if they were worried and most could recall ways to stay safe online – such as not revealing personal information and the tell, report, block system.

Some children had no understanding of privacy rules and most could not manage their own privacy settings.