

COVID19 School closure remote-learning safety guidance

As children are spending more time online due to the new government lockdown, online safety is vitally important to protect the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people.

St Alban's is using Google Classroom to upload screen recording videos and lesson resources to support home learning during the school closure. We will also be using Google Meet to host live, interactive sessions with children to help structure their learning and give feedback on their work.

Children can access their class Google Calendar to see and join their Google Meet sessions. Please note that children must not use Google Calendar to create their own meetings or invite others to join meetings.

The following steps have been taken by the school to make this platform secure for pupils:

- Most children had a Google Classroom account set-up from the previous lockdown and all parents were emailed instructions about setting up Google Classroom and were able to read through the privacy policy and terms and conditions upon set-up
- The 'classrooms' are only accessible to those with an '@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk' email address
- Only teachers/ staff can post content and public comments in the classrooms
- Teachers will check any links they direct children to so that they can ensure these are appropriate
- All lessons/ videos/ screen recordings are uploaded ahead of time
- Only staff can start live Google Meets in Google Classroom and the staff members will schedule all meetings ahead of time
- All live sessions will be recorded by the teacher and these recordings will be stored securely on Google Drive

Things parents can do to further support online safety at home:

- Ensure that computers are used in a common/ shared space (i.e. not used in bedrooms with door closed)
- Use parental and privacy controls
 - Ensure that there are child filters in place on home internet connection
 - Adjust parental controls to suit your child's age and maturity.
 - Make sure you always log out of your online accounts.
 - Check the privacy settings on social media and websites.
- Monitor the amount of screen time that your child is having and encourage breaks away from the screen
 - Set boundaries for how long your child can spend online and what they can do.
- Have conversations about online safety little and often and build it into other conversations.
- Ask questions about what they do online, such as what sites they visit and who they talk to.

Please see below a list of links, apps and contact details to further support online safety at home.

Support for parents:

Get Safe Online

Info on a little bit of everything including personal use and business

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Common sense media

Reviews apps, games, books and films to help parents understand the positive and negative aspects and appropriateness for their child

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Safety Centre

App, website and game guides on setting up security, privacy and how to report and block

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>

NSPCC

Articles and advice on a variety of topics to address with children

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

O2 helpline

In conjunction with the NSPCC, a helpline for any of your online safety questions or concerns

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

Internet Matters

Good advice by age guides

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Help to set up parental controls

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Safer Internet Centre

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Parent Info

Parent Info is a collaboration between CEOP and Parent Zone. It provides high quality information to parents and carers about their children's wellbeing and resilience.

<https://parentinfo.org/>

ThinkUKnow

Guidance from CEOP on how to talk together as well as giving practical and technical advice. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Net Aware

A parent guide to the social networks, websites, apps and games that children are currently using from Common Sense Media, NSPCC and O2.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Support for children and young adults

Remove Harmful Content

Help to remove upsetting content from the internet (this can include things that aren't illegal such as impersonation accounts and self-harm images)

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

Childline

Advice on a variety of online safety issues

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

BBC Own It

A collection of videos on a variety of topics including the online world. Videos hosted by celebrities and other young people. Can also be used for wider PSHE topics.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

Zipit

App in conjunction with Childline to help young people decline requests for nudes and inappropriate content

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipit-app/>

Yoti

Another app supported by Childline to assist young people in removing nudes from the internet

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/report-nude-image-online/>