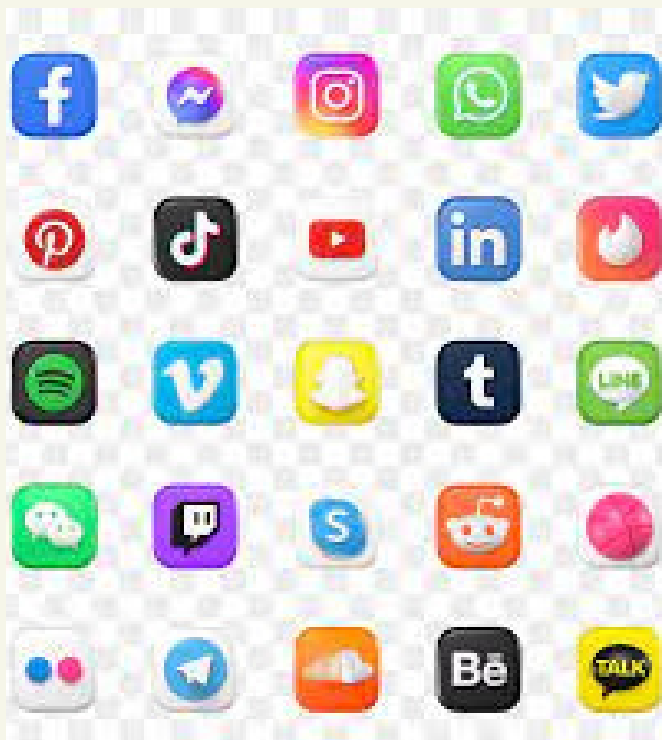


SOCIAL MEDIA



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Larkholme Primary School



AT LARKHOLME

At Larkholme, the children have regular online safety lessons. More information about the topics being covered can be found on the topic maps that are sent out each term and on our website.

We support children and families when there has been an incident online to the best of our ability but must stress that most of the incidents occur outside of school. We strongly suggest that parents ensure that parental controls are in place and that children's devices are regularly monitored. In school we have a filtering system linked to the IWF in place and a monitoring system that will inform a member of the pastoral team if someone has typed in a word or phrase of concern.

Talking with your children about being online from an early age will help you to keep an open dialogue as they get older.



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media now infiltrates all parts of our lives. There are many wonderful things about being so easily connected to people but there is also a much darker side. Sadly, there are those that use social media to promote unhealthy body image including guides on how to be anorexic or bulimic. Sites that actively encourage suicide and self harm.

Many adults struggle to navigate this world and will act and say things that are contrary to the person they are in the real world.

Therefore it is vitally important that schools, parents and the community work together to promote a positive digital world.

The best way to do this is by setting a good example of what a digital citizen looks like. How adults choose to behave will have the greatest impact on our children.



SUPPORT

We endeavour to support our parents as much as we can with online safety.

We put regular links to parental guides on our Facebook page and website. Also on our website are links to other useful websites.

We invite visitors into school to talk to the children about different aspects of online safety. For example: the local PCSO's led an assembly on being safe online and Dave Carlos from Cyber Ethics did a workshop on cyber activity and the law.

In regards to our own Facebook, we demonstrate being a good digital citizen by using our own social media appropriately. We are polite and respectful to others and only share images we have permission to. We ask that parents also demonstrate that type of behaviour when making comments and if they have a concern or query regarding school, to ring the Office during school hours.