



## Dear Parent/ Carer,

We live in a world where access to the internet is increasingly common so it is really important that we educate and support our young people to harness technology effectively and also safely.

We work closely with our Campus Police Officer, and following our successful internet safety workshops with parents and children last session we have gathered further information for you to highlight the importance of internet safety and keeping your child safe online

**The following apps require the user to be 13 years or older,**  
(and with parental control to access it up the age of 17 years)

**Instagram Facebook WhatsApp Twitter**

Games for computers are labelled as age appropriate e.g. **12, 16 and 18** years of age. These are legally enforceable meaning that they should not be supplied to persons below those respective age bars.

The body responsible for applying UK PEGI ratings is the Games Rating Authority (GRA).

**Games which are FOR older players i.e. 18 years +**  
**Assassin's Creed, Call of Duty 4, Grand Theft Auto etc.**  
**This is due to explicit violence or other inappropriate content**



Much of the information in this leaflet is taken directly from East Renfrewshire Council's own website which you can locate at <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2837/Child-Protection-Information-about-Community-and-Online-Safety>



### **School approaches**

We teach all our children about being safe online and using technology responsibly.

### **Examples of teaching resources in school**

- + *Lee & Kim's adventures online game*
- + *Hector and his friends online game*
- + *Cyber Café online game*
- + *Star Riders online game*
- + *Promoting Anti Bullying week and Internet Safety Day initiatives and employing strategies to deal with cyber bullying or inappropriate use of social media.*
- + *All children and families receive a Responsible User Agreement upon enrolling at Giffnock Primary.*
- + *Workshops for pupils by Campus Police Office.*
- + *Theatre productions and role play*
- + *Interactive games and drama*
- + *Being Cool in School programme supporting positive behavior and self confidence*
- + *Bounce Back supporting resilience and interpersonal skills*



### **Here are some practical tips and simple guidance.(ERC Website)**

- + Talk to your child about what they're up to online.
- + Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.
- + Encourage your child to go online and explore!
- + Keep up-to-date with your child's development online.
- + Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real.
- + Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.
- + Know what connects to the internet and how.
- + Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.