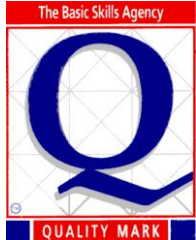




# Thomas Russell Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our PSHE curriculum, in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October we will be teaching the children:

- strategies for keeping safe online; the importance of protecting personal information, including passwords, addresses and the distribution of images of themselves and others
- how to manage requests for images

To do this, we will be using some of the 'Share Aware' teaching resources from NSPCC in our assemblies. These were created by NSPCC in partnership with O2 and in conjunction with education specialists, to teach children how to stay safe online. They have been specifically written for Key Stage 2 children, and have been piloted in Primary schools to make sure that pupils respond to them. The resources have also been 'Quality Assured' by the PSHE Association.

The central message is that: The internet is a great place for children to be, but being Share Aware makes it safer. In Upper School (Y5 and 6) class assemblies we will be showing children the short video 'I saw your willy' and using the teaching resources to discuss how to be Share Aware. Discussions in class assemblies are often the ideal place for children to share their opinions and thoughts on difficult issues in a safe and trusting environment with their friends and teacher. You can watch the video for yourself on Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch\\_WMjd6go](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch_WMjd6go).

We will not be using this video with Lower School (Y3 and 4) in school.

The simplest ways that parents can help keep their child safe online is to have ongoing, open and honest conversations with them and get to know their online world. You can make it as easy and regular as asking them what they have been up to at school. The NSPCC's Share Aware campaign has all the support and advice you need: [www.nspcc.org.uk/share-aware](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/share-aware).

Help your child think about who sees what they share, and compare it to what they would be happy to share offline. Discuss privacy and location settings and why they are important. Explore sites and apps with your child, which is a great way of sparking conversations and also for you to understand their online world.

It's good for parents to stay up to date with the latest sites and apps their child uses which is easy to do through the NSPCC's site, Net Aware: [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk). If you need technical help try calling the O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline. It provides practical advice or support in setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks and more. Call free on 0808 800 5002.

With this letter is the NSPCC Share Aware parents' guidance leaflet so that you can support our learning in school by having similar conversations with your child at home.

If you have any queries about this, please do get in contact with school. All pupils are entitled to RE / PSHE as part of their basic curriculum, however please let us know if you would like to withdraw your child from these assemblies.

Best wishes

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