



# Ravenscote Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In today's digital age, online safety is vitally important and as such we are committed to equipping our pupils with the necessary skills to navigate the online world safely.

To further enhance their online safety knowledge, we recognise the vital role parents play in this process. To support you in this, we are pleased to announce that over the next nine weeks, we will be sharing a series of informative videos, each focused on a different aspect of online safety, providing practical guidance and strategies that you can implement at home.

The videos are created by Alan MacKenzie, who is a specialist in online safety and works in schools all over England. We were lucky to have him work in our school last academic year.

Each week, you will receive a letter with a short introduction from Alan followed by the link and any additional resources.

## Online Safety Series – Video 1

### Introduction from Alan MacKenzie

Whatever the age of your child they will receive good online safety education in school, from early years through to college. But as parents and carers we need to know about and keep up with the risks and issues our children may face online. Importantly, we also need to know where to go for extra support.

My name is Alan Mackenzie. I specialise in the ever-changing and evolving area of online safety, mainly working in schools all over England and in this first video I will quickly introduce myself and define what online safety means. Many people think that online safety means keeping children safe online, but it's more than that.

One of the most important messages I would like to get across is that you can't know everything, neither can you watch your child 24/7. But as parents and carers we have a natural curiosity; we know when something doesn't feel right or something has changed and that's when we investigate, mainly by talking to the child.

Over a period of time, you will receive another 8 emails from school, all with a link to a new video and some accompanying text. In some of the emails I will also include useful links, all of which will take you to free information and resources.





Although much of the information is okay for children, there is some information within the videos that may not be appropriate, so please take precautions when watching any of the videos (e.g. wear headphones).

In order to access the video, the link would have been sent via the weekly digital parenting letter.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to keeping our children safe in the digital landscape.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Nicholson

Mrs Burrows

Mrs Spooner

Designated Online Safety Officers

