

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last half term Hill View Primary conducted research into the use of technology across year groups 1 to 6.

I would like to start by saying as E-safety Champion for the school I was very pleased to see that the vast majority, approximately 76%, of children know what to do if they see something worrying, scary or inappropriate online. Below is a table of various results we pulled from the research:

Year 5 and 6

Bedroom access to technology	54%
Parents regularly checking devices	50% no
No age/time restrictions	52%
Number of people using WhatsApp	107 students

Year 3 and 4

Bedroom access to technology	42%
Parents regularly checking devices	37% no
No age/time restrictions	40%
Number of people using WhatsApp	39 students

Year 2

Sometimes alone on technology	40%
Seen something worrying or scary online	46%

Year 1

Sometimes alone on technology	32%
Seen something worrying or scary online	42%

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence recommends children aged between 5-15 years old to have some screen/technology free days in the week and a maximum of 2 hours on devices on other days.

I am aware as the Computing teacher that there are various educational opportunities for different year groups that can also be encouraged on screens at home such as; Purple Mash, Numbots, Times tables Rock stars and Boom reader.

We are here to support a positive use of technology at home so if you require a login for any of these portals please do contact the office.

I would also like to raise attention to the age restrictions for specific applications such as; WhatsApp. Pupils under the age of 16 years old should not have access to this app and students under the age of 13 should not have a YouTube channel.

If you would like further advice on this topic please find age-appropriate guidance through this link:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We would like to thank you again for your continued support when keeping our pupils safe online.

Mrs Molloy
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