



Ballaugh Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

For Ballaugh School, keeping your children safe and supporting you to help them learn how to keep themselves safe is one of our core purposes. The biggest challenge that we all face in this area is keeping ourselves up to date with the threats that exist in the online part of children's lives. To meet this challenge we need to know as much as possible about the latest harmful viral trends and challenges that encourage "risky" behaviour as well as the unadvertised changes in the privacy settings in apps and games.

There is so much information available (fake and factual) that it is extremely challenging for anyone to stay current on their own. Fortunately, we have partnered up with the team at *Safer Schools* whose job it is to do exactly that on a daily basis and to share the facts directly with us all when they become apparent.

You too can have access to this information, as can your child if they already have an internet enabled device and you wish them to receive age-appropriate warnings, by using the Safer Schools app.

Once the *Safer Schools* app has been downloaded from the App Store or Google Play you can simply scan the relevant QR code at the bottom of this page from within the app to log in. Alternatively, select "Ballaugh Primary School" and enter the code 7440 for adults or 9342 for pupils. There is one code for parents / carers / adults and one for children, should you wish to install it on their device.

Once installed you will have access to a database full of current useful safety information and will receive "push notifications" to keep you up to date about changes and potential dangers. (Phone settings may need to be adjusted on your device for this app to receive these notifications)

The Safer School organisation was founded by Jim Gamble who also developed CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). All Island schools are working in partnership with Safer Schools.

Not only does the app empower everyone with a smart phone by giving us factual information about online threats at our fingertips, but we can also use it to send out whole-school message from the offices to everyone that is logged in. We hope that there is sufficient uptake to use it in this way too.

I hope that you can appreciate all of the benefits that this app can bring and will install it / log in. If you need any help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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