

5th Period Class How to Keep Your Children Safe on Social Media

What are the things your children should not do with a smartphone ?

Smartphones should not be necessarily banned for your children. Teach them what they should not do to avoid risks, when you hand over a smartphone to them.

- Don't share your personal information including your name, address and age. Also don't share information that can lead to identify who you are, such as your facial photos, the name of your school or school club. Don't share your friends' or family's information , too.
- Don't post pictures with location information (Turn off Location setting on camera app). Be careful about the scenery in a photo, because it can identify your whereabouts and residence.
- Don't accept information on the internet without questioning.
- Don't take a picture of yourself naked or in underwear, or send it to people (including your boyfriend/girlfriend), or allow them to take your pictures.
- Don't talk on the phone or exchange messages with people you met online, and NEVER meet them in person. (A malicious person may play a good person.)



What parents should do (Responsibility for giving a smartphone to your child)

Once you have bought a bicycle for your child, does your role end there? Wouldn't you practice with them until they learn to ride it safely?

Isn't it the same with a smartphone? Parents have the responsibility to teach their children how to use the smartphone properly, in order not to be hurt or hurt somebody else.

- **Tell your children that you are the owner of the smartphone.**

You are the subscriber of the smartphone. Help them understand that you lend it to them. Discuss and agree on the rules for smartphone use (See '6th Period Class' for how to make the rules).

- **Teach children how dangerous.**

Tell them that it's hard to tell the good guys from the bad. Teach them that some children at their age actually have been hurt, and they can be the next victims.

- **Teach your children that anonymity cannot be an excuse.**

Teach them that anonymity cannot allow them to do whatever they want to do. They should not do in the cyber world what they should not do in the real society. Cyberbullying is out of the question. Bad things always come to light.

- **Ask your children to teach you what you don't know**

Be interested in the apps or games your children use, and ask them if you don't know about them. Experience what functions these apps have and what the dangerous elements are. Tell them in your words how risky the smartphone can be.



Children may know how fun it is to use a smartphone, but do not know how scary it is.