

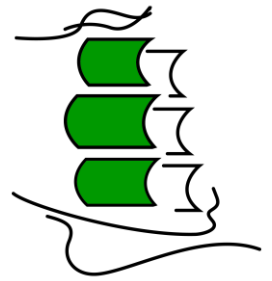
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# BAWTRY MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below information that school has been made aware of regarding VPN. I have also included a link to a Digital Parenting Magazine which contains advice/information on how to keep your child/children safe online.

## VPN - What's that then and why is it important

A virtual private network (VPN) gives you online privacy and anonymity by creating a private network from a public internet connection. For example, this means you can bank securely. VPNs are not difficult to install and use, and there are many apps that can offer this service. Like many things, VPNs can be used for a good...and for bad.

It has been brought to our attention that a primary school has reported that children are circumnavigating their parental controls via VPN's. There are VPN apps that can be downloaded that allow children to have a virtual private network. This allows them to access adult sites and due to the fact that the VPN can make it look like you are in another time zone they can be accessed at any time of the day. There have been a few cases of children accessing a site called Porn Hub this way. When children have been questioned as to how they found out about VPN's they have said it's either by word of mouth from their peers or it has popped up whilst watching YouTube.

Digital Parenting Magazine

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Yours faithfully,

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