

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Computing lessons this term we will be using the code programming application 'Scratch'. The application allows pupils to input code and create projects where they can animate characters or create games. Sapphire Class' first lesson will see pupils create a piece of coding which draws 2D shapes.

Scratch also has a chat feature which allows users to speak to other Scratch users and share projects with each other. During our lessons in school we will not be using this feature and pupils will not have access to it.

We wanted parents and carers to be aware that if your child accesses Scratch at home this function is available and we advise that parents and carers carefully monitor your child's usage of Scratch at home as this chat feature is open to the public/ other users who are using the site worldwide and therefore may not be safe. Follow this link for advice for parents about Scratch from Internet Matters: [Scratch](#)

If you have any questions about the ways you can keep your child safe online or the procedures we follow in school to ensure pupils are safe please feel free to speak to your class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Hagan