

E-safety

More help and advice for parent, carers and children

The internet can be and is a great place overflowing with knowledge, games and communities of people, and, just like pupils across the country, the pupils at our school spend a lot of time using the internet within school and at home. However, it is important pupils also learn how to be safe when browsing online and becoming members of online communities

Safe searching

Searching for information can be tricky and if you have not got the safe search function set on your home you can get some unpleasant search results. Some good "kid safe" search engines are: (right click with you mouse on each link and then left click 'open hyperlink', or hover over each link with the cursor, hold the Ctrl key and then left click on your mouse)

- www.safesearchkids.com
- www.askforkids.com
- www.kidsclick.org
- <http://www.youtube.com/education>

You should also think about setting up your own safety - right click on the next link with your mouse to find more details on setting up internet filtering and parental controls. This website has lots of useful help sections for adults and children.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

E-safety in school

In school, children learn about E-Safety through a scheme of lessons along with assemblies and workshops with parents. We also encourage children to talk to their parents/carers or school staff about any concerns they may have or problems they have encountered when on line and also how to behave safety when online, to try and help ensure pupils remain safe when browsing at home.

You or your children can report any inappropriate content, contact or conduct they encounter online to CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) by visiting this page and clicking our report button below.

- ThinkUKnow - Guidance for Key Stage 1 - http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/
- ThinkUKnow - Guidance for Key Stage 2 - http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Some other useful links

- The child exploitation and on-line protection centre: <http://ceop.police.uk>
- Your Sphere - helping families live healthy digital lives: <http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com>
- ThinkUKnow - support for parents and carers: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

SOME MORE TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Get to know how your children use the internet.
- Ask them to show you some of their favourite sites and talk about them.
- Make them aware that there are things on the internet which may upset them and that they can always talk to you - or another trusted adult.
- Be aware of any changes in the way they use the internet, such as the amount of time they spend online.
- Work with your children to understand how search engines work so that they don't stumble across unsuitable content and are able to find the information they need quickly and efficiently.
- Consider using the filtering software that is available from your internet service provider or from retailers. Check with your internet service provider to learn how to block sites you don't want children to see.
- If your children watch TV programmes or films online, many providers offer tools you can use to prevent them seeing unsuitable content.
- Look for local computer or internet classes which will teach you how to use the online services your children are using. Talk to the school about what they are teaching children about staying safe online. Learn how the history feature on your computer can help you monitor the websites that your children are using.
- Help can also be found on websites such as:

CEOP's www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents or Tel:08700 0003344) and www.saferinternet.org.uk/

- Understanding the dangers of cyberbullying will help you keep your child safe online. There is help and support available at:
 - www.cybermentors.org.uk Tel: 0208 771 3377;
 - <http://www.childline.org.uk/> Tel: 0800 1111;
 - <http://www.childnet-int.org/> Tel: 020 7639 6967

If you would like a paper copy of this advice please ask at the office.