

E-Safety support

Dear Parents/Carers,

We all want to look after our children and keep them safe. We look after them in the park, the swimming pool and with strangers.

But... do we know how to keep them safe when using computers.

Talking about being safe and who to turn to is the most important aspect of E-safety. For talking and sharing to happen please think about the following questions and use them to help you and your family.

1. Where is your computer? In your child's bedroom on their own or in a family room where you can see and discuss what they are doing?
2. Do you sit next to your child when they are online? Is it a family activity?
3. Do you know what websites your child uses?
4. Do you know how to use the internet ready to help your child? Are you aware of the potential benefits and risks.
5. Have you read our acceptable Use Policy and do you understand our rules?
6. Do you know how to block sites/images , search the internet history and add filtered search systems.

Please use the websites below for support when answering these questions.

How to apply filters and safety settings

- <http://www.google.co.uk/goodtoknow/familysafety/>
This site filters indecent sites and gives you the change to put on a 'safe search lock' where your child needs a password to use the internet.
- <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-vista/demo-use-parental-controls-to-manage-your-childs-computer-time>
This site tells you step by step how to set up parental controls and filters without buying or downloading any other programs.
- Go to 'control panel' and 'parental controls' to manually set up your own restrictions for each user.

How do staff keep your children safe at school?

Staff are aware at all times when children are using the internet so we can observe and guide those children.

HSS, who run our school network, block all websites that they consider inappropriate and all sites with certain key words in (drugs, illegal, gambling, murder, nudity etc...)

Staff check all websites we use in teaching before showing the children so we can make our own evaluations and judgements.

How do we teach E-Safety at school?

- We start by teaching the children dangers they might encounter on the internet and decisions they might have to make. We teach this through a fun cartoon called the 'SMART crew'. They teach 5 main points:

S - safe, information we keep to ourselves

M - meeting up, stranger danger

A - accepting emails from strangers

R - reliability, is every thing we read true?

T - tell, who to tell is we're unsure or upset

Please use the links below to take you to the websites we use in our teaching sessions so you can watch them at home too.

SMART

CREW <http://www.childnet.com/kia/primary/smartadventure/default.aspx>

- The following link teaches children about keeping personal information safe and not always believing who people say they are. This is a modern video that relates to facebook.

<http://www.teachingvideos.co.uk/index.php/videos/viewvideo/2032/internet-safety/little-red-riding-mood-chapter-1>

- This is a short video showing a boy upset as he's on the computer on his own and get confused over Pop Ups. He asks a grown up for help knowing you should always tell if you are unsure.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5kW4pI_VQw

Websites to teach about e-safety

Most of these websites are for you to share with your child and they have activities and questions to discuss together. There are also some here that offer parental advice on what to do and who to contact if you have any concerns.

- <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/> (Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre)
A main government agency for helping to prevent online abuse of children
- <http://www.childnet.com/kia/parents/cd/textVersion/index.html>
An information website brought to you by childnet international which links to our SMART rules.
- <http://www.chatdanger.com/>
This website has some real like stories that make you think hard about E-safety and its importance.
- <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
A link from CEOP. Tips on how to keep children safe online and activities for children.
- <http://www.digizen.org/parents/>
Good site for advice on cyber bullying & social networking
- <http://www.childnet-int.org/blogsafety/>
social networking and blogging advice.
- www.stopitnow.org.uk.
- <http://www.kidscape.org.uk/>
site to prevent bullying with advice for parents and children.
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>
BBC site with characters the children can relate to.
- <http://www.bullying.co.uk>
A site to support children who are being bullied.
- <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/index.htm>
- <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>
A child friendly website
- Childline on 0800 1111
<http://www.childline.org.uk/Explore/Bullying/Pages/CyberBullying.aspx>

Please also be aware of games consoles:

X boxes and other games consoles with internet access are as much as risk as a computer or iPad.

One parent said "I won't let my child have a computer upstairs as it's unsafe but I'll let him have an X-box"

Many people don't realise that games consoles can link to the Internet and children can use them to 'chat' to strangers just like they can in chat rooms.

Please read the instructions carefully about what the console can do and the risks involved.

Many come with tips on how to keep safe such as the Xbox can create a 'child's profile' so parents can have passwords and can manage their account.

They also come with the opportunity to use 'web cams'. Please see if you can change the settings to block strangers.

Remember, if you are worried that someone is talking to your child online and you are concerned about their language or intentions please report to the CEOP website.

(Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre)