

Online Safety

On a daily basis, we all interact, use and rely on technologies. As such our children and young people are no different. The types of interaction can vary from using technologies such as mobile phones, online games, communication platforms, apps and the Internet on a daily basis with them experiencing a wide range of opportunities and situations.

It is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable and ever evolving, but can be categorised into four areas of risk:

- Time spent using/accessing the technology and how often?
- Purpose of use?
- Being a responsible when using technology
- The Four C's (Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce) of Online safety as identified in ['Keeping children Safe in Education, September 2024'](#).

Considering this, we endeavour to develop our children and young people's skills and attitudes to equip them for our path to an increasingly dependent technological society. As a school, we support this with all students being taught how to keep themselves safe by;

- Including thinking about the information they put online,
- How to keep their social networking profiles private and personal details safe,
- Where to go if they have concerns, need help or/and don't feel safe.

Below are some supportive Parent Help Guides that offer specific and targeted advice on Key Online Safety topics we have identified as being key for our children and young people. We hope you find the supportive materials and information useful and if there are any topics you would like further support on then please contact us.

- Family resources from <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/>
- If you need help setting up devices safely? Click the link and select your device or provider <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>
- If your family needs a family internet user agreement, so everyone is following the same rules, please click the link for a great example [IM-Family-Agreement.pdf \(internetmatters.org\)](#)
- Need advice about resources that may help your family stay safe online? Follow the link to receive your own personalised toolkit from Internet Matters.Org <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/?step=1>
- Need help with starting conversations about online safety? Click the link for suggestions <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/do-the-basics-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/conversations-to-have/>

Parent Help Guides

We are working towards a safer digital world of opportunity please check this link On-line safety for additional information. [Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)