

Online safety

Children working online at home- advice for parents

Now that we are asking children to work from home, we want to remind parents of the online safety advice we give to children and give you tips for how to respond to concerns.

There is DfE guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers> that you can use for guidance on what parents and carers need to know about schools and education during the coronavirus outbreak

Our SMART online safety rules:
please share these with the children and discuss.



Be Safe

Keep personal information safe and think carefully before uploading photos.



Don't Meet Up

Never meet up with an online friend– people can pretend to be different people online and meeting up can be very dangerous.



Accepting emails

Accepting emails can be dangerous. Always check with an adult before you open unexpected emails and never reply to them.



Reliable

Although the internet is full of amazing information, sometimes people write things that are not true. Think carefully before you trust what you see or hear.



Tell Someone

If you see anything online that makes you uncomfortable or worried, make sure you tell an adult that you can trust.

Reporting online safety issues

It is very important that the children are aware of what to do if there children are any issues regarding online safety. They should be reminded to let a trusted adult know if they have any concerns.

School can also be contacted in the usual way to report any concerns or to ask any questions.

These sites are also very useful for helping with matters regarding online safety:

Internet matters

London Grid for Learning

Net-aware - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC

Parent info

Thinkuknow - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

UK Safer Internet Centre - advice for parents and carers

Online behaviour

It is also really important to remind children about how to behave towards others online, what cyber bullying means and how to react if they are being bullied. It is important that they are encouraged to speak out. The following sites give useful information about what cyber bullying is and how to tackle it:

The NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Think you know: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/need-advice/cyberbullying

Safer internet: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/cyberbullying-advice-parents-and-carers>

Remember to be internet SMART!