



Internet Safety Policy

Recent years has seen the transformation of children having more frequent access to the use of technology, and particularly of the internet. The internet is a fantastic resource for supporting children with their homework and social networking sites are becoming ever more popular, allowing them to chat with their friends. The internet can however also be a very dangerous place for children. Some of these dangers include:

- Gaining access to illegal, harmful, or inappropriate images or other content.
- Being exposed to harassment and bullying
- Accidentally sharing personal / financial information
- Being vulnerable to online grooming by paedophiles.

We have an obligation to our children to ensure that they are safe and are protected from potential harm. We do this by:

- Ensuring children have safe access to the internet by maintaining security system/s and filters.
- Talking to the children about what websites they are using.
- Discussing the importance of keeping safe online with the children for example, not talking to people they don't know or not giving out personal information that could enable people to identify them and never to arrange to meet anyone they have spoken to online.
- We communicate with parents/guardians to see if they are regularly checking children's search history.
- Limiting the time children spend on computers and ensure that they spend a balance of time engaged in ICT and other activities.

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