

Online Safety Guidance

Almost all of our pupils use the Internet at home and we understand that it can be difficult to allow children the freedom to develop as responsible individuals while protecting and educating them about the dangers of the Internet. Younger people are increasingly leading their social life online. Please read the following information to help your children behave safely and responsibly.

- Discuss regularly your child's use of technology and how they communicate with people online
- Keep devices in family rooms

What to tell your children

At school, we educate children about ESafety in ICT lessons and assemblies but it's important that parents know some key ESafety tips too. Please remind your children of the following:

- Don't post too much information about yourself online
- Only message or chat to people that you know in real life
- Think very carefully before posting photos - could other people find any information out from looking at the photo?
- Don't make unkind comments about others online.
- If something online makes you feel uncomfortable, turn the screen off and get a responsible adult
- Remember the ESafety Elephant rules.

Mobile Devices (iPods, iPads, etc)

Most of our pupils have their own iPods, iPads, or other devices. This means they also have access to the internet including social networks, text and video chat.

- Consider setting Parental Restrictions
- Consider taking devices away at bedtime

Social Networking (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc)

Keep to age appropriate websites. Social networks like Facebook and Twitter require users of 13 or older to have a profile,.

- Parents must take responsibility for underage use of social networks

Online Behaviour

All messages should be friendly. It can be easy to misinterpret the meaning of on-screen chats, therefore children should always check messages before sending. Issues are usually brought to our attention in school. When this happens we will try our very best to work with children and parents to help resolve these issues.