Using the Internet safely at home

Whilst many Internet Service Providers offer filtering systems and tools to help you safeguard your child at home, it remains surprisingly easy for children to access inappropriate material including unsuitable text, pictures and movies. Parents are advised to set the security levels within Internet Explorer or other browsers with this in mind. Locating the computer in a family area where possible, not a bedroom, will enable you to supervise your son or daughter as they use the Internet. Also consider mobile phones and games consoles and other devices that can access the internet. However, don't deny them the opportunity to learn from and enjoy the wide variety of material and games available on the Internet. Instead discuss with them some simple rules for keeping safe online and making sure they understand their importance.

Using these rules

Go through the SMART rules with your child and pin them up near to the computer. It is also a good idea to regularly check the Internet sites your child is visiting e.g. by clicking on History and Favourites. Please reassure your child that you want to keep them safe rather than take Internet access away from them. Create a dialogue and a relationship of mutual respect as far as the Internet is concerned.

For further information go to:
CEOP: www.ceop.gov.uk

Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Childnet: www.childnet.com

Some useful websites

When searching the Internet we recommend you use one of the following child friendly search engines:

Ask Jeeves for kids:
www.askkids.com
Yahoo! Kids:
www.kids.yahoo.com
CBBC Search:
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/search
Kidsclick: www.kidsclick.org
Google Safe Search Kids
www.safesearchkids.com

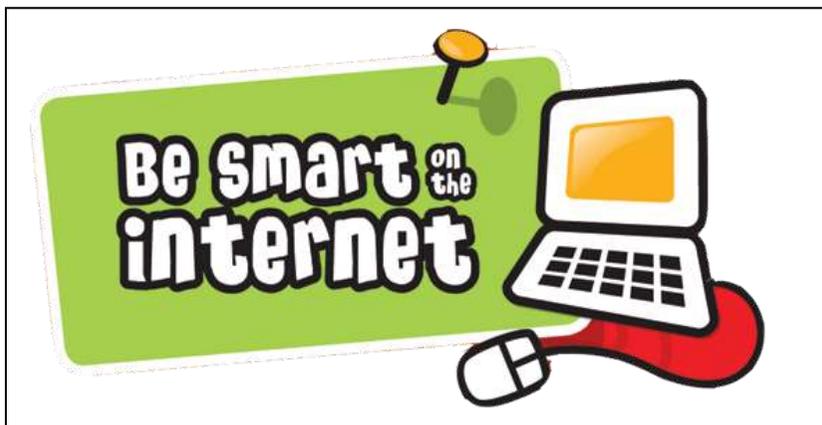

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E-Safety Booklet
For parents and carers

The purpose of this guide

Children of today are increasingly using mobile and gaming devices allowing easy access to the internet at school and in the home.

This guide explains:

- How your children are using devices in school.
- How using devices at home can help children learn.
- How children can use the Internet safely at home.
- Where to access further information.

How your child uses Computers at school

Computing in schools is taught as a subject in its own right and also supports children's learning in other subjects, including English and mathematics. Within Computing lessons children learn to use a wide range of skills including:

Word Processing to write stories, poems or letters

Programming - to design, write and debug programs (coding)

Databases - to record information, e.g. minibeasts

Spreadsheets - to create tables, charts and graphs

Desktop Publishing - to design posters, leaflets or cards

Multimedia Presentation – using cameras and video software to create animations and videos

Drawing Programs - to create pictures and designs

Internet – using Search engines to find information effectively

Information Technology – learning how computer networks work

Email - to contact children and teachers in another school

How you can help your child at home

Computing is not just about using a computer. It also includes the use of controllable toys, digital cameras and everyday equipment such as a tablet or DVD player.

Children can be helped to develop their Computing skills at home by:

- practising your typing skills
- creating animations
- using educational apps and games
- using the Internet to research a class topic
- using programming software

Benefits of using Computing at home

How we know that using computers and mobile devices at home can help

Many studies have looked at the benefits of having access to a computer and/or the Internet at home. Here are some of the key findings:

- used effectively, computers can improve children's achievement
- using computers at home and at school develops skills for life
- children with supportive and involved parents and carers do better at school
- children enjoy using technologies
- using ICT provides access to a wider and more flexible range of learning materials.

SMART rules for keeping your child safe