



# HOME LEARNING



## *Keeping Children Safe Online*

Being able to give your child access to a computer, tablet or phone from time to time, whilst they are learning from home may aid their learning and support continued academic progress.

It is of vital importance that children are kept safe when they are online. We know that as parents and carers, just like us as educators, you will want to safeguard your child(ren) as much as possible.

Below are some key things to remember when your child is being given access to the Internet for Home Learning.

- 1) Your child should always tell you when they are going to be using the Internet. Ideally, they should be in the same room as you so that you can monitor what they are doing.
- 2) Talk to your child regularly about Internet Safety. Remind your child what to do if something goes wrong. If they are not sure what to do, tell them to speak to you straight away.
- 3) Engage in conversation with your child about what they have been doing online. If they have been completing work, ask them to show you or tell you about what they have learnt.
- 4) Before allowing your child to access a new website, explore it yourself. Please be aware that the content of the websites shared by the school may change after we have given you the links.
- 5) Ensure that no personal details are shared in any of your child's online accounts, including full name, date of birth, address, phone number, email address and photos.
- 6) Keep privacy settings as high as possible.
- 7) If you are looking for additional websites to support your child's learning, only use reputable companies.
- 8) Look for age restrictions and adhere to them. They are there to keep your child safe and to ensure that content is age appropriate.
- 9) Regular breaks away from computers and devices are important. Encourage your child to do other learning activities that are not online.

Additional safety points:

- 1) If your child is communicating with their peers, e.g. via text or WhatsApp, remind them that what ever is written they should be happy to share with you.
- 2) Some children like to share photos and videos with their friends. Be mindful of the fact that once a picture or video is posted the poster no longer has control over it. It may be downloaded and manipulated by others. Ask to see what your child is posting online.
- 3) If your child is playing a game online remind them that not everyone is who they say they are. Remind them that they should not be befriending people that they do not know. Make sure you can hear/see what is being said if there is an audio function or chat facility.

For further information please visit:

**Think U Know:** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

**CEOP:** [https://parentinfo.org/article/video-chatting-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-of-primary-school-age-](https://parentinfo.org/article/video-chatting-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-of-primary-school-age-children?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03f521e658-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_21_04_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ob54505554-03f521e658-64720597)

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**NSPCC:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

