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Be smart on the internet

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAFLET

Remember these 5 SMART RULES when using the internet and mobile phones. Turn over to read why these are important.

S SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried online.

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Internet Safety

Because every child matters..



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Messenger Programs



Programs

Microsoft Messenger

Yahoo Messenger

AOL Messenger

Yahoo Messenger

Google Talk



Dangers...

Many instant messenger programs can be set to accept random conversations from unknown users. If you are going to allow your child to use IM ask them who is in their buddy list? Do they know all of the people in the list? What would they do if they received an invite to chat from someone they didn't know?



Social Networking Websites

Websites

Bebo

My Spaces

Club Penguin

Piczo

Facebook

You Tube

Blogger

MSN Spaces

Dangers...

Is your child public or private?

Are the pictures your children have uploaded appropriate?

Do you know who your children are talking to? Find out about your child's website.

Ensure your kids follow age limits on the site. Cyber bullying

These sites attract inappropriate / unsavoury characters who can use hobbies and interests to communicate with and groom children.



What can I do at home?

Set your own house Internet rules.

Have your computer in a communal area in your home.

Educate yourself about the site and talk to the children about it.

Insist that your children never meet anyone in person that they've only communicated with online, and encourage them to communicate only with people they've actually met in person.

Ensure your children don't use full names

Be wary of other identifiable information in your child's profile, e.g. photographs and emotions.

Where can I get help?

Parents Online

www.parentsonline.gov.uk

Kidsmart

www.kidsmart.org.uk

Think U Know?

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Family Guide Book (DfES recommended)

www.familyguidebook.com

Safekids

www.safekids.com



How can I report abuse?

If you know about a child who is in immediate danger, risk or you require an urgent response, you must call 999 or your local police.



The Government has set up the CEOP Centre to take these reports and make sure that young people are safe online. This Centre is staffed by specialist police officers and investigators.