

Internet Safety Advice

Age 5-7 years

Calling all young explorers of new and exciting technology!

The internet, Games systems and phones can be fun and are a great way to contact your pals or even call your mum, dad or guardian. It seems like almost anything can be done on computers or even mobile phones these days, you can even play amazing games online through things like the Playstation 3, the Wii and the X-Box systems, so it's important that you know how to do this safely. Unfortunately these toys and devices can be used against us to harm our games systems our computers, mobile phones or even worse to harm us, our families and friends. Not everyone is who they say they are on the internet, so please read the following tips on how to play, talk and surf safe.

Playing Games on-line



Some games systems can even be played online now, allowing gamers to play against each other across the world without leaving the house. Before you decide to take part in this type of gaming, **ALWAYS** ask your Mum, Dad or Guardian for permission. You should try to use a nickname when playing games online, and should **NEVER** tell anyone where you live, the school you go to, or where you go with friends.

E-mail



You should always ask your Mum, Dad or Guardian before opening e-mails. Some e-mails have been designed by criminals to get into your computer and take it over or to damage or destroy it. Some use e-mails to try to trick you to get your personal information from you so:
NEVER open e-mails from someone you don't know, just delete them.
NEVER send pictures to strangers, they shouldn't have pictures of you, your family or friends.
NEVER send anyone you don't know your address, your phone number, your school or where you go with friends

Chatting online



You should ask your Mum, Dad or Guardian if it is okay to talk to people on the internet so that you are safe

NEVER use your real name when in chat rooms or instant messenger (IM), try to use a nickname.

NEVER tell a stranger your address, your name, your school or where you go with friends.

REMEMBER Some people on the internet are not who or what they say they are, you should **NEVER** meet anyone you don't know that you have met online, unless with a parent or guardian.

REMEMBER if there is a webcam, (which some laptops have even got built-in now) anyone can see you and what you are wearing or what is in the background, for example if you are wearing your school jumper it could give someone you don't want to know, information as to where your school is or where you live.

Network sites



ALWAYS ask your Mum, Dad or Guardian if you're going to use sites like Facebook, Bebo, and MySpace etc.

They should help you to decide if it is a safe place to go online for you to meet friends; they can also **make** it a safer place by putting some things in place to make sure you don't tell everyone on the site your address, school and places you go.

If something upsets you or makes you uncomfortable when on a site, you must report it immediately to a Parent, Guardian or an adult you know and trust. You can also report it online by using the CEOP button which will take you to the CEOP Police web site where you can report what has upset you or made you uncomfortable.



