



“making a difference for every child”

Keeping safe and getting the most from the internet and emerging technologies – a guide for parents.

Remember – your children have grown up with technology and may well know more than you do!

This guide contains information about:

- what we do at school
- how using ICT at home can enhance learning
- staying safe
- other helpful websites



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Computing and other technologies in school

Experiences for your child

- ✓ Accessing the library
- ✓ Designing simple programming instructions to create images or instruct robotic equipment.
- ✓ Using word processing skills to draft writing or present finished pieces for display.
- ✓ Using power point to enhance the communication of ideas through words, images and sound.
- ✓ Using graphs and charts to record and explain data collection.
- ✓ Applying digital photography to enhance art projects.
- ✓ Using digital cameras to create stories using animation.
- ✓ Provide scientific data by using digital sensors.
- ✓ Accessing the internet for topic or own interest research.

Using technologies at home for home learning

- ✓ Allowing a child to make choices about the presentation of their work.

It is motivating for children to choose how they present their learning. They will feel that they have ownership of the task further more children who are not confident with their presentation skills know that they can produce work of a good standard using technology. Any completed work can be emailed to school to be printed or put in the child's own folder on the network.

- ✓ Using the internet for research.

Please support your child with this activity by discussing the use of phrases in search engines and being mindful of coming across inappropriate material. Please check that your child understands the information that they are using by asking questions and by encouraging children to convert the information into their own words.

- ✓ Using the internet or phone apps for games.

Children love to learn through playing games!

Simple rules to keep safe

To keep safe on the internet organise a folder of websites and search engines that you are happy for your child to use.

Agree a simple set of rules with your children which could be kept near the computer. Here are some ideas –

- ask permission before using the internet
- only email people you know
- ask permission before opening an email from someone you don't know
- do not use chat rooms
- agree a nick name to be used when using games on the internet
- never give our address, telephone numbers or other personal information
- only use a webcam with people you know
- tell an adult immediately if you see something that you are uncomfortable with

More support for parents

Child friendly websites:

www.askforkids.com
www.yahooligans.com
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/search
www.kidsclick.org

Advice for parents

www.childnet.com
www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.ikeepsafe.org

The school has an e-safety policy which is available to parents via the Learning Platform or the office. **Please contact us if you have any questions.**