

Look Who's Talking

Keeping Safe in Cyber Space

A PARENT'S GUIDE

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ONLINE:

DO THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE TALKING TO?

PEOPLE ARE NOT ALWAYS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE?

IF THEY GIVE THEIR ADDRESS, NUMBER OR PICTURE
THEY ARE PUTTING THEMSELVES AT RISK!

MAKE SURE THEY CHOOSE CHATROOMS WITH A REPUTABLE MODERATOR

THEY MUST AVOID CONFRONTATIONS WITH OTHERS IN COMMUNICATIONS ONLINE,
PARTICULARLY WITH THOSE THEY DON'T KNOW

MAKE SURE THEY ALWAYS USE HARD TO GUESS PASSWORDS AND KEEP THEM SECRET

BE ALERT OF COPYCAT WEBSITES AND SCAMS

HELP THEM BE ALERT TO THE DANGERS OF BULLYING AND REPORT ANY INCIDENTS IMMEDIATELY

STUDENT'S SMART RULES

SAFE:

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information

MEETING:

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous.

Only do so with parents/carer's permission

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 nasty messages or viruses!

RELIABLE:

Someone online may be lying about who they are, and information you find on the Internet may not be reliable.

TELL:

Tell a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried. You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkyouknow.co.uk



TEXT OR EMAIL MESSAGES CAN BE MISUNDERSTOOD

TEXT CAN BE AS HARMFUL AS PHYSICAL BULLYING

WWW.THINKYOUKNOW.CO.UK

A new website where students share what they know and to find out if there's stuff that they don't.

How to help PROTECT your child online?

Know what your child is doing online & on their mobiles.

Ask them to teach you to use any applications you have never used.

Keeping the computer in a family room means that you can share your child's online experience.

Help your child to understand that they should **NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL DETAILS TO ONLINE FRIENDS** – personal information includes their messenger id, email address, mobile number and any pictures of themselves, their family or friends – if your child publishes a picture or video online – anyone can change it or share it.

Help your child to understand that some people lie online and that therefore it's better to keep online mates online.

They should **NEVER MEET UP WITH ANY STRANGERS WITHOUT AN ADULT THEY TRUST.**

Teach your child how to block someone online and report them if they feel uncomfortable.

This button will appear on some websites and should be clicked on when you consider something to be inappropriate.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REPORT ABUSE VISIT:
WWW.CEOP.GOV.UK**

(The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre)

Useful Websites

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.childnet-int.org

www.netsmartz.org

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

www.ceop.gov.uk

www.childline.org.uk/bullying.asp

A reliable website should have a privacy policy which tells you how the information that the site collects about a person is used, shared and protected. On the basis of the information in the privacy policy, your child should be able to decide whether or not to give information about themselves to the site. Policies are usually found at the bottom or top of the site's home page. However, it is important to remember that privacy policies can be faked, so although they should always look for one, it's not necessarily a fool proof way of knowing that a site is reliable enough to give personal information to.

If unsure your child should ask you if they may have a family email address that could be used instead of their own.