



The Internet is forever changing and trying to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can sometimes be a challenge. It is such a positive tool for young children and has so many benefits for their lives both educationally and socially. Because of this, the children need to have guidance on how to use the Internet safely and positively.

It is important to have open conversations with your children about the Internet and their use of personal devices, also discussing how to deal with issues if they arise. Some children feel that if they tell a parent when something happens online, they will have their devices taken away. This then leads to the children not sharing issues with their parents.

Here are some conversation starters you could have with your children:

- *Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.*
- *Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?*
- *Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.*
- *Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.*
- *Think about how you use the Internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the Internet together and further enjoy your lives online?*

We are aware that some children in the school have access to family social media accounts and can access these on your home technology. These sites have an age restriction of 13. If you have given your permission for your child to use these sites, then you need to ensure they are safe.

Have you set the correct privacy settings? Do they know not to send private messages without your permission? Do they know they must not upload images of someone else without their permission?

All children are familiar with our e-safety rules at school. They should also be using these at home to ensure they are safe.

Monty's E-Safety Rules

You **M**ust always tell an adult when you are online.

Only use safe search engines.

Never give away your personal information.

Tell an adult if something upsets you.

You'll stay safe online if you follow these rules.



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Our school E-safety leader is Miss Faircloth, if you have any questions or concerns please contact her. We have also got lots of useful leaflets and specific news items on the website. Please have a read of those specific to your children.

