

Digital Awareness Newsletter

Online safety at Bishop Road School

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As children move up through the school their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but children, schools and parents all need to be aware of various online risks. At Bishop Road School, we follow these SMART rules:

Overview of key parental controls

Keeping children and young people safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is all of our responsibility to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices when they are online. We also encourage parents to set up filtering on their home internet.

To learn how to do this for the major providers of internet please click [here](#).

Advice on Specific Internet Enabled Devices

Below are guides which provide specific tips on how to help support your child to use internet enabled devices safely and responsibly:

[Top Tips for iPhone](#)

[Top Tips for iPod touch](#)

[Top Tips for Kindle Fire](#)

[Top Tips for PlayStation PS4 and PS Vita](#)

Be smart on the internet

Childnet International
www.childnet.com

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

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. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

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 Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.
You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

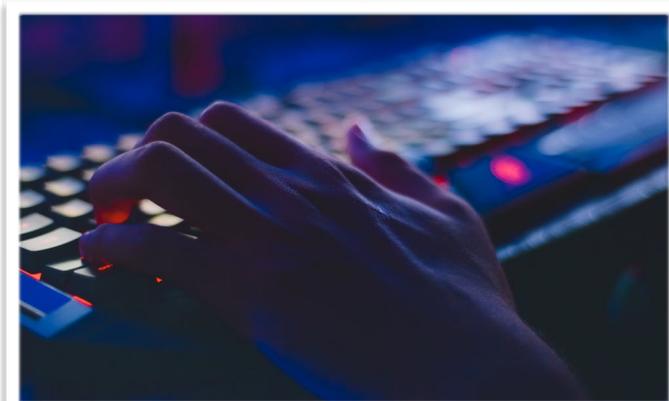
www.kidsmart.org.uk
Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

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Online Safety at School

Bishop Road School works with staff, pupils and parents/carers to create a school community which values the use of new technologies in enhancing learning, encourages responsible use of ICT, and follows agreed policies to minimise potential e-safety risks.

We discuss, monitor and review our e-safety policy on a regular basis, linking it with other relevant policies such as Safeguarding, Pupil Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policies. We support staff in the use of ICT as an essential tool for enhancing learning and in the embedding of e-safety across the whole school curriculum.



We ensure that pupils are aware of the potential e-safety risks associated with the use of ICT and mobile technologies, that pupils feel able and safe to report incidents and abide by the school's e-safety policy.

FURTHER USEFUL WEBSITES ABOUT DIGITAL AWARENESS AND E-SAFETY:

ShareAware: The internet is a great place for children to be and ShareAware makes it safer. ShareAware provides straightforward, no-nonsense advice to help untangle the web and empowers parents and carers to have conversations with their children about staying safe online and through social media

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

NetAware: Net Aware is an online tool that informs parents about the social networks, apps and games that children might be using. We looked at the frequency of inappropriate content, how robust and easy to find the privacy settings are, and why children like using the sites. We regularly update Net Aware with new apps, and parents can sign up to Net Aware newsletters to keep up with digital trends.

www.net-aware.org.uk

NSPCC/O2 Online Safety Helpline: This helpline provides practical, technical advice including parental controls on electronic devices, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks, and information about online gaming. **0808 800 5002**

www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

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