

Being Safe on the Internet

We believe it is important that everyone knows how to stay safe on the Internet.

Possible problems include cyber bullying, grooming, scams, hacking and viruses.

These problems can show themselves when using email, instant messaging or social networking sites.

Some golden rules:

1. Keep personal information confidential.
2. Don't believe everything you read or see online.
3. Don't open an email or attachment that is suspicious.
4. Tell someone about anything you find that is suggestive, obscene, threatening or makes you feel uncomfortable.
5. Take care that the images you place on the worldwide web are suitable for anyone to view.
6. Remember, hacking is illegal.
7. Use an up to date anti virus checker and enable your Firewall.
8. Parents, consider signing up for a social site like Facebook and also MSN. You can find out how they work and how it's possible to enable settings to protect yourself and hence your child.

Useful Links

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/CrimeAndJustice/KeepingSafe/DG_10027670

<http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/usingcomputersandtheinternet/>

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://www.getsafeonline.org/>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

http://www.besafeonline.org/English/safer_use_of_services_on_the_internet.htm