



E-SAFETY



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SEARCH SAFE



One of the most popular search engines in the world is Google. You can visit Google's informative safety centre for **simple** step by step guides:

www.google.com/familyafety/tools

Here are a few options available to you; they truly are simple to set, promise. Visit the Google home page -

www.google.co.uk and click on the 'search setting' tab in the top right hand corner.

Scroll down the page and change the filtering options to suit your family's needs.

Make sure you lock the safe search; otherwise these settings can easily be changed without your knowledge.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

You will be aware the internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers they should be aware of and which we should all act to protect them from. As a school we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent/carer you can play a significant part in ensuring this.



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Just a few simple steps by you can help keep them safe and give young people the awareness to know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about anything they encounter while on the internet.

If you do not wish for your child to be able to access any inappropriate content online, please ensure that their computers, laptops and other devices with internet access are all fitted with parental controls.

You can find free downloadable versions online or you can contact your internet service provider (such as BT, Talk Talk, Sky) for more information.

As a **minimum**, please set parental controls on your search engines, Youtube accounts and the mobile phone your child uses.



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USEFUL FREE PRODUCTS FOR PARENTS

Use Microsoft Security Essentials to guard against viruses, spyware, and other evil software. It provides real-time protection for your home or small business PCs.

Microsoft Security Essentials is free* and we designed it to be simple to install and easy to use. It runs quietly and efficiently in the background so you don't have to worry about interruptions or making updates. It can be downloaded from the following link:



<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows/products/security-essentials>

Norton Online Family provides a way for parents to monitor their kids' online behaviour and encourages communication, according to Symantec.

It does so by letting kids know when Norton Online Family is active, and it encourages parents to talk with their kids about online safety and Internet usage. Norton Online Family gives you insight into where your kids go and what they do online. So you can keep them safe and teach them good habits. It can be downloaded from the following link:



<https://onlinefamily.norton.com/familysafety/loginStart.fs>

Keep an eye on your child's online and smartphone activities where ever you are. Know your child's smart phone habits and help keep them safe.

Download the app to your child's Android/iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch to monitor their use:

https://onlinefamily.norton.com/familysafety/nofToGo.fs?inid=us_2012JanToolsDownloads



WHAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW

- Get involved in your child's internet use. Discussing the opportunities and risks with children involves helping them to see for themselves how they might get into and out of difficulty.
- Agree rules as a family about not disclosing personal information—such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name—time spent online and contacting people via the internet.
- Create a family email address for registering online.
- Bookmark your family's favourite websites. Add www.ceop.gov.uk to your favourites if you ever need to report online abuse to the police.
- Encourage children to talk to someone they trust if they feel worried or upset by something that happens online.
- Make use of free filtering and monitoring software (See examples on page 2).
- Make sure your child knows how to be SMART online:



Safe: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information either to people you are chatting with online or by posting it online where other people can see it.



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.



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!



Reliable: Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be reliable. Check information or advice with other websites, books, or someone who knows.



Tell: Tell you 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.

USEFUL SITES FOR MORE ABOUT E-SAFETY

www.kidsmart.org.uk

Learn more about the internet and being a smart surfer.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Find the latest information on the sites you like to visit, mobiles and new technology. Find out what's good, what's not and what you can do about it.

www.digizen.org

The Digizen website provides information for educators, parents, carers, and young people. It is used to strengthen their awareness and understanding of what digital citizenship is and encourages users of technology to be and become responsible DIGItal citiZENS.

www.chatdanger.com

A site all about the potential dangers on interactive services online like chat, IM, online games, email and on mobiles.

www.childnet-int.org

Childnet's website gives general safety advice for parents, young people and teachers as well as more specific advice on key issues.

www.kidscape.org.uk

Kidscape works UK-wide to provide individuals and organisations with practical skills and resources necessary to keep children safe from harm.

www.childline.org.uk

ChildLine is a confidential service for children and young people - to offer information and support whenever needed.

www.beatbullying.org

Hector's World Safety Button™

- The Hector's World Safety Button is a free download to help protect children when they are on the computer.
- After you have installed the Button, a Hector's World character will swim in the top right-hand corner of your computer screen.
- If your child sees something that makes them feel confused or scared when they are using the computer, they can click on Hector (or one of his friends) to cover the screen while you get some help.
- Download Hector's World Safety Button here:

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Documents/ThinkUKnow/5_7/SafetyButtonBasicSetup-0.0.0.8.7z.zip
