Online Safety at Mosspits Lane Primary School

Please keep for your reference.

At Mosspits Lane Primary School we believe that the Internet and new technologies offer our students a wide variety of learning opportunities, both in the content that is available and how it can be accessed. These resources can enrich and enhance the teaching and learning that occurs in and outside of our classrooms.

We follow the SMART Rules…

S Safe	Keep **safe** by being careful not to give out personal information when you're 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 – instant 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. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.
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.

*New uses of technology can be rather overwhelming but parents still have a crucial role to play in ensuring that their children are safe online. Being **net literate** is no replacement for being **life literate**. In the same way that children are taught the green cross code, not to talk to strangers and to say please and thank you we must share good netiquette rules with children to ensure safety in the virtual world. It is about transferring offline wisdom into the online world.*

So, where can I go for help? →

www.childnet.com →
www.kidsmart.org.uk
www.digizen.org

Childnet International

We are always happy to help and advise if you are worried.

There are real advantages in maintaining an open dialogue with your child about their internet use. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

1. Ask your children to tell you about the websites and apps they like to use and what they enjoy doing online.
2. 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?
3. 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.
4. Encourage them to help someone! 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.
5. Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Where to report…

Commerce
www.phonepayplus.org.uk
+ your operator
+ your Internet Service Provider

Content
www.iwf.org.uk

Contact
www.ceop.gov.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Typosquatting can be a problem for young people and adults – often well known website addresses are mimicked by commercial websites wanting to poach web traffic. A famous example is www.disney.com and www.dinsey.com The mimic websites can often contain adult content.