



Child-friendly Online Safety Policy

Created by the Junior Safeguarding Team

Alsager Highfields Primary school has an online safety policy for staff, families and governors. This child-friendly policy is designed for you, the children at our school, so that you understand what online safety is all about.

What is online safety?

Online safety is making sure we are safe on the internet and feel protected when using technology.

Why do we like being online?

- You can play games and have fun
- You can talk to friends and family
- You can learn new things, including for school

What are the dangers of children going online?

- Cyberbullying - some people can be mean to us and can do and say unkind things to us;
- Stranger Awareness - some people online can lie and can try to be our friends or pretend to be someone we know;
- Inappropriate things might be seen online - we could see or hear things that are not suitable for children;
- Identity Theft - Some people might ask for personal information about ourselves.

When we are online, we need to THINK about:

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

We also need to be SMART online:

Stay SMART Online				
S	M	A	R	T
Stay SAFE!	Don't MEET up!	ACCEPTING	RELIABLE	TELL someone!
Don't give your address, phone number, social media handles, or school name to online strangers.	Don't meet someone you met online without checking with a parent or guardian first .	Don't accept friend requests or files from people you don't know.	Stop the spread of misinformation by relying on trustworthy sources, family, and friends.	If you see something, speak up! If something seems off, tell a responsible adult.

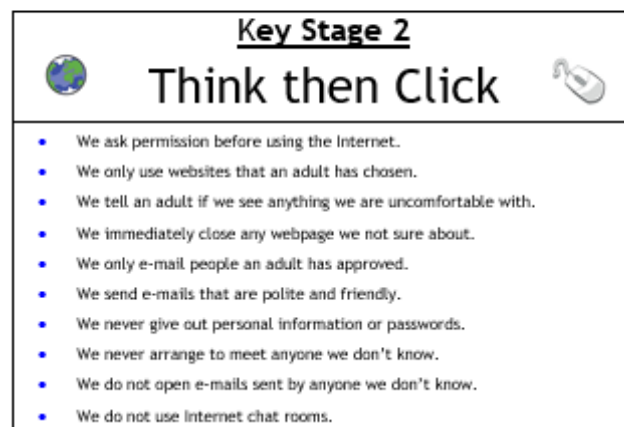
If children have a problem when they are online, what should they do?

- Keep calm and tell a trusted adult straight away
- Report anything that worries or upsets me to a trusted adult
- Try to stay calm and don't panic
- Try not to get upset or worried
- Save messages for evidence - you might need to screenshot them
- Make sure you show an adult any inappropriate content

What should children NOT do:

- Do not keep worries to yourself
- Do not be unkind back to anyone
- Do not delete messages or content
- Do not switch off the device unless an adult has seen the content

You can find our online safety rules in your Reading Record, but as a reminder, they are:



Who can you talk to at school if you are worried about anything to with online safety?

- Mrs Harry - she is responsible for online safety in our school
- Our adult safeguarding team - Mrs Dyde, Mrs Woollam, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Ward and Mrs Riley

What our school does to respond to online safety issues:

- Listens to the children involved and offers to support to them
- Takes online safety seriously
- Teaches us about online safety
- Contacts our parents/carers when needed
- Investigates anything that is reported