

Misusing the internet

You have important rules to follow when using the internet. If you don't follow these, there can be serious consequences. If you do something illegal, it might even involve the police.

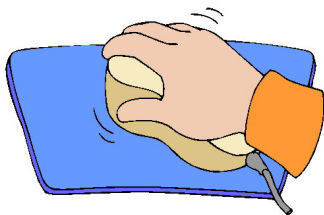
Our school has an **Acceptable Use Agreement** which tells you what is expected of you. Make sure you read this and understand what you have to do before you use the internet or any device.

'Think before you click'

Sometimes, you can put yourself at risk of harm without even realising it -- always think before you click on any website.

Some websites might look trustworthy, but can have harmful links or attachments which can give your device a virus. These can also access your personal details and pass them on to other people.

Websites might also have harmful and nasty content on them which can be offensive. Make sure you only use websites which you know are safe.



Staying safe: top tips



Use the tips below to help you stay safe online and make sure you're using the internet correctly:

- Treat others how you would like to be treated. If you wouldn't say something to someone in person, don't say it online either.
- Make sure you're aware of how your messages might come across to others.
- Don't spread rumours or gossip about people.
- Don't post things that will upset someone. Make sure you think before you post anything.
- Respect other people's privacy.
- Use websites you know are safe.
- Don't talk to anyone you don't know, or arrange to meet them.
- Keep an eye out for unusual pop-ups, adverts or downloads. Don't open them if you think they aren't trustworthy.
- Don't give out personal information about you, your friends or your family to anyone you don't know.
- Only use social networking sites that you are old enough to use – age limits are there for a reason.
- Speak to an adult if something worries you or makes you feel uncomfortable.

If you want to talk about anything in this leaflet, see your teacher, who will be happy to go through things with you.
Please make sure you keep this leaflet safe!

E-safety for pupils: are you staying safe online?



Why is it important?

We all like to use the internet and talk to others online, but do you know the rules you need to follow to keep safe?

There are many risks from using the internet. Some of these include cyber bullying, grooming, breaching privacy and losing personal information, but, there are many more.

Staying safe online isn't just important for you – when using sites, you need to think about what you're saying about, or to, other people.

Ask yourself:

- Do you know how to protect yourself and others online?
- Do you know what the risks are?
- Do you know what to look out for?
- Do you know who to report concerns to?

