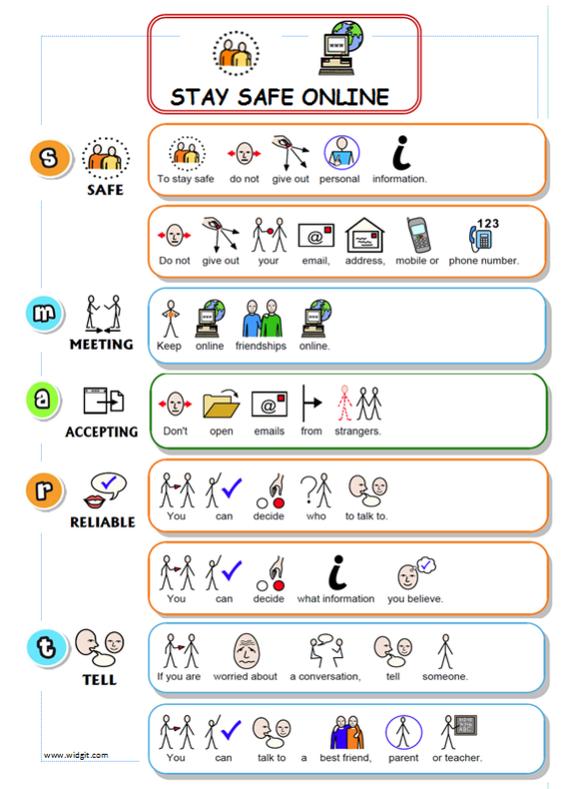


Staying Safe on the Internet

As the internet and in particular social media becomes a larger part of our daily lives, it is important that we as a community support our children to learn, communicate and share information in a way that is safe and appropriate.



At school we teach our students the SMART surfing rules from kidSMART.

www.kidsmart.org.uk This is an excellent resource for internet safety for children along with the guidance available to parents on the main childnet site. <http://www.childnet.com/> (Search for hot topics.)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> is an excellent site for activities which you can do with your child in order to educate yourself and open up discussions about how to stay safe.

The Uk Safer internet Centre has many resources for parents including guidance on talking to your children about their internet use as well as how to use parental controls to

keep your children safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

If you would like to talk to anyone about our child's use of social media or would like help to set up/change your parental controls at home then you can contact the NSPCC/O2 net aware on [0808 8005002](tel:08088005002)

This helpline is especially good for technical support and settings on a range of home devices.

Are you concerned about your child using apps on your tablet or phone? Would you like to know more about them? Net aware from the NSPCC allows you to look up apps to find out more about them and if they would be suitable for your child.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Remember: Supervision is the key. Younger children should only have access to the internet via a device that can be seen or supervised by an adult. As your child develops you may feel they are ready to have less supervision but talking to your children opens the lines of communication. Reassure them that they can tell you about anything they see online that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Our children are particularly vulnerable as they find it even more difficult to understand that everything and anyone on the Internet may not be who they present themselves to be.

The CEOP site <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> can be used to report any concerns about contacts made online as well as access.

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