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Appropriate Use of Social Media

Children today access the Internet from many different entry points – desktops, laptops, smart phones and tablets. In the real world, we protect our children by alerting them to risks and teaching them how they can protect themselves. We set up rules which we expect our children to obey.

In the online world, because it is porous and anonymous, it is even more important that we know how to protect our children while empowering them to harness the advantages of the Internet.

Examples of social media

SOCIAL NETWORKS

Sites that allow individuals to set up a profile and connect with friends or strangers, depending on their privacy settings.

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Google+

BLOGGING SITES

Sites for individual or group of users to record their opinion, information on a regular basis.

Blogger, WordPress, Tumblr

MICROBLOGGING SITES

Sites or applications that individuals publish short updates to anyone who subscribes to receive it.

Twitter, Facebook

MEDIA SHARING

Sites for individuals to post various media like videos and pictures and allows other users to comment.

YouTube, Flickr, Instagram

INSTANT MESSAGING

Cross-platform instant messaging to individuals or groups at one go. Users can send text, videos, audio messages and pictures.

WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, WeChat, Telegram

S Stay Safe
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M Don't Meet Up
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A Accepting Files
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R Reliable?
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T Tell Someone
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Safe Search Engines



Even if you have installed internet filters, there is no 100% guarantee that your children will not be able to access or stumble onto inappropriate content like adult or horror content that may be disturbing for them.

Help is however on hand, in the form of “safe search engines” which help children find relevant information in a safe, kid-friendly setting. These search engines do not display results or images that are inappropriate for children. They are useful tools for children when they need to research for their school work or simply to explore the internet on their own.

Use one of these search engine today

Safe Search Kids (www.safesearchkids.com)

Safe Search for Kids is the child friendly search engine where safe search is always 'on', powered by Google. The safe browsing feature allows your kids to safely surf the web with a much lower risk of accidentally seeing illicit material.



Fact Monster (www.factmonster.com)

Fact Monster is a free online almanac, dictionary, encyclopaedia and thesaurus which will help kids quickly find the information they need.



KidsClick! (www.kidsclick.org)

KidsClick! is a site directory and search engine created and maintained by librarians, cataloguing resources that provide objective, age-appropriate information so kids can understand these topics when they come up in the news.



GoGooligans (www.lures.info/childrens_search/encodetest.html)

It is also categorised into search engine for older students which are filtered according these students' needs. Whenever any unsafe keyword is queried over Go Gooligans, it simply rejects the request.



KidRex (www.kidrex.org)

KidRex is a free and simple way to keep kids away from finding sites with inappropriate content. Everything is drawn in cartoons and there is a big colourful dinosaur that is exciting but also appropriate. The search engine is powered by Google.



KidzSearch (www.kidzsearch.com)

KidzSearch provides Google “strict” search results and is not dependent on any computer, cookie or browser settings. Further, it has a “banned keyword” system which will not return results if the banned keyword is detected.

