

Internet Safety

The internet is a wonderful information-gathering and communication tool, but we all need to know how to use it safely. Children are likely to have internet access in more than one place, so it's important to equip them with the skills to handle this relatively new technology safely.

We actively encourage internet safety awareness among students, teachers and parents. Some of the dangers facing users of the internet include pornography, bullying and abuse, paedophiles, spam and viruses and identity theft.

To help teachers educate children on how to stay safe on the internet, Becta, the DCSF and QCA have developed the Internet Proficiency Scheme for Key Stage 2 pupils.

A supporting website called **Cybercafé** is the Internet Proficiency Scheme's online home, providing an interactive and fun resource which encourages pupils to think about their behaviour when using email, chat rooms and other communication technologies.

The following links provide tips for both parents and teachers on internet safety and tackling the dangers:



Think U Know - Cyber Café

Check out this new site with activities for pupils and a pack of materials for teachers on internet safety.

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers/resources.aspx>



Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/>

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre works across the UK and maximises international links to deliver a holistic approach that combines police powers with the dedicated expertise of business sectors, government, specialist charities



Get Safe Online <http://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Get Safe Online will help you protect yourself against internet threats. The site is sponsored by government and leading businesses working together to provide a free, public service.



Kidsmart <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Kidsmart is an award winning practical internet safety programme website for schools, young people, parents, and agencies, produced by the children's internet charity Childnet International.



Think U Know <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

This website is created by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre and contains loads of information on how to stay safe online. All hot topics are covered – including mobiles, blogging and gaming sites.



Getting Your Head Around Internet Safety

<http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/flash/safety/main.swf>

An animated presentation on internet safety, with sound, from Parent's Centre and Childnet International.



Parents Centre Web Site <http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/>

An excellent website that outlines all the dangers to children online and how to tackle each one in turn. Aimed at parents but equally relevant for teachers.



Becta Esafety Guide <http://schools.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=is>

Aims to highlight the safety issues and provide advice for schools on how to use technology safely.



Signposts to safety: Teaching e-safety at Key Stages 1 and 2

<http://publications.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?resID=32422>

The new companion version for KS1 and KS2 is also available.



Signposts to safety: Teaching e-safety at Key Stages 3 and 4

<http://publications.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?resID=32424&page=1835>

Becta's new updated Signposts to Safety for KS3 and KS4 is now available to order free from Becta publications.