



Online Safety at home and in School

At LCS we love using technology to get creative and learn new things. The internet and digital devices are wonderful resources, but come with risks. We wanted to take this opportunity to give a brief overview of what we do as a school to grow the children in becoming responsible, respectful, resilient digital citizens, and ways you can help with that at home.



At School

As well as teaching Online Safety lessons, and holding specific assemblies - often led by the children - we take opportunities across the whole of the curriculum to teach and celebrate good digital citizenship. We model and encourage the outworking of the children's acceptable user policies (found on the parent portal) in all lessons. We remind the children regularly about how to report things online they see that worry them. Online Safety coverage is wide and detailed, but some areas covered through the school include Online relationships, Managing Online information, Online Bullying, Privacy and Security and Self image and identity.

At Home

Why not talk to your child about what they are learning regarding Online Safety and Digital Use? You could browse the web with your child and model good practice, commenting as you do so. Do take a look at the Children's Acceptable Use Policy to aid your chats.



Some things that would certainly need tracking

- Playing games alone or with others through websites, apps or game consoles
- Chatting with friends and making new ones
- Browsing the internet for information
- Sharing images and watching videos through websites or mobile apps like YouTube

A few simple rules that could have a big impact

- Ask permission before using the Internet
- Use websites you have chosen together or child friendly search engines
- Only email people you know
- Use cyber nicknames and make avatars when playing online games and using websites
- Never give out personal information
- Tell a trusted adult immediately if something pops up or if you see something that gives you a 'funny feeling'

Further Support

A wealth of good links can be found on our website, and on the parent portal. Also, do look out for the Digital Tip every week. If you would like any further help and advice at all, please do get in touch with our Safeguarding Lead, Katie Vivyan, or our Computing lead Mr Gamblen.