

Using the Internet safely at home

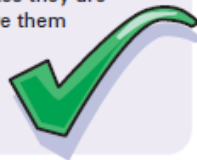
To keep safe they should:

- use websites recommended by teachers and use a student friendly search engine
- consider who created a website and possible bias within information
- only email people they know (why not consider setting up an address book?)
- exercise caution before opening an email sent by someone they don't know
- use Internet chat rooms, websites, instant messaging etc with caution and know how to block and report unwanted users
- not use their real name when using games or websites on the Internet, (create a nick name)
- never give out any personal information about themselves, friends or family online including home address, phone or mobile number
- never email your school name or a picture in school uniform (even to a friend)
- never arrange to meet anyone alone, and always tell an adult first and meet in a public place
- only use a webcam with people they know
- tell an adult they trust immediately if they encounter anything they are unhappy with
- report concerns to the Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
- avoid using websites they feel they could not tell you about
- be aware comments they make on Blogs and Wikis can be viewed by others



Using these rules

Go through these rules with your son or daughter and pin them up near to the computer. It is also a good idea to regularly check the Internet sites they are visiting e.g. by clicking on History and Favourites. Please reassure them that you want to keep them safe rather than take Internet access away from them. Create a dialogue and a relationship of mutual respect as far as the Internet is concerned.



For further information go to: CEOP: www.ceop.gov.uk

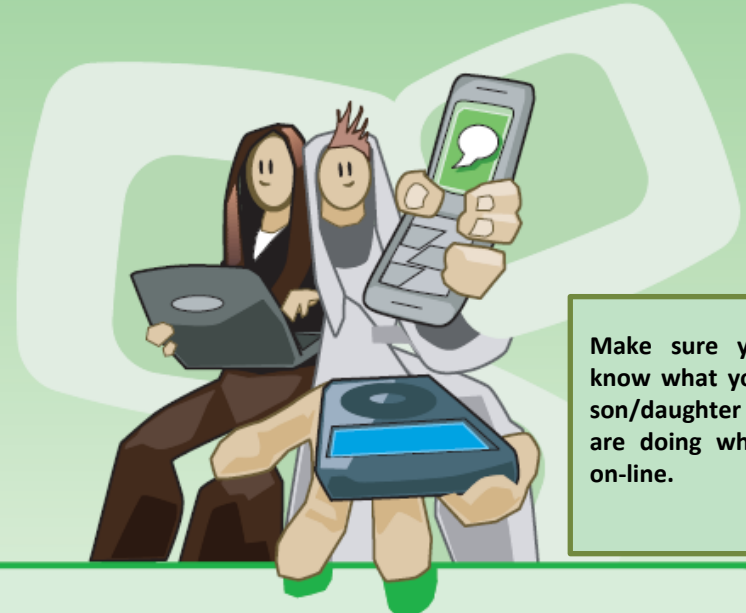
Some useful websites

e-Safety pages:	www.kent.gov.uk/esafety
CEOP:	www.ceop.gov.uk
Think U Know:	www.thinkuknow.co.uk
Digizen:	www.digizen.org
These and more:	www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/ict/safety.htm



Young People, ICT & e-Safety

Information for parents and carers



Make sure you know what your son/daughter are doing when on-line.

The purpose of this guide

Young people of today are increasingly using Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in schools and in the home.

This guide explains:

- How young people are using ICT in school.
- How using ICT in the home can help young people to learn.
- How young people can use the Internet safely at home.
- Where to access further information to be safe on line.