



Everywhere we look, ICT seems to be taking over our lives! From online shopping to online banking, from keeping in touch with friends via text message, to voting for our favourite X-factor finalist! Learning in school has also changed dramatically due to the rise of the Internet and handheld devices, and the amazing opportunities they provide. Instead of shutting out such changes, we have decided to embrace them although we also follow many Esafety procedures too.

How your child uses ICT at school

ICT in schools is taught as a subject in its own right and also supports children's learning in other subjects, including English and Mathematics. Within ICT lessons, children learn to use a wide range of computing skills. For home learning, we also use Google For Education Tools.

Have a look on our website for useful links to other resources we use in school that children can also access at home to help with their learning: <https://www.kpjs.harrow.sch.uk/>

School Esafety

Please refer to our Esafety policy on our website on our policies page.

Using the Internet safely at home

Whilst many Internet Service Providers offer filtering systems and tools to help you safeguard your child at home, it remains surprisingly easy for children to access inappropriate material including unsuitable text, pictures and movies. Parents are advised to set the security levels within Internet Explorer or other browsers with this in mind. In the olden days (!), you could put a computer in a family room to enable you to supervise your son or daughter as they used the Internet. This is no longer the case given mobile phones and games consoles and other devices can access the Internet. However, don't deny them the opportunity to learn from and enjoy the wide variety of material and games available on the Internet. Instead discuss with them some simple rules for keeping safe online and making sure they understand their importance.

Simple rules for keeping your child safe

To keep your child safe they could:

- Ask permission before using the Internet and discuss what websites they are using
- Only use websites you have chosen together or a child friendly search engine
- Only email people they know, (why not consider setting up an address book?)
- Ask permission before opening an email sent by someone they don't know
- Not use their real name when instant messaging, 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 arrange to meet someone they have 'met' on the Internet without talking to an adult first; always take an adult and meet in a public place
- Never tell someone they don't know where they go to school or post any pictures of themselves in school uniform
- Only use a webcam with people they know
- Tell you immediately if they see anything they are unhappy with.

Internet Safety Day

Children have a whole day designated to learning about keeping safe on the internet as well activities being taught frequently within Computing lessons.

Using these rules

Go through these rules with your child whenever you buy them a new phone, handheld device, laptop etc. Discuss how you are going to monitor their Internet use; is it a good idea to regularly check the Internet sites your child is visiting e.g. by clicking on History and Favourites for example, are there things you could monitor together? Reassure your child 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, the websites on this page offer practical advice.



This is a very child-friendly guide to safety in Internet chat rooms.



This site also offers practical tips and advice for parents.



This site is also very good for internet safety. It has sections for both children and parents.



Another great site for e-safety.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>