This will help you to set reasonable rules as follows:

- use websites recommended by teachers and use a child friendly search engine

- only email people they know,

- exercise caution before opening an email sent by someone they don't know

- do not use their real name when using games on the Internet, (create a nick name)

- never give out a home address, phone or mobile number

- never email your school name or a picture in school uniform (even to a friend)

- tell you immediately if they encounter anything they are unhappy with.

- In order to be eligible to sign up for Facebook, people must be thirteen (13) years of age or older**.**

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.

Mobile Phones

The issues about being careful online apply equally to mobile telephones. The next generation of mobiles and handheld devices will have more and more Internet facilities on them. It is very important to encourage your children not to give out their mobile numbers to strangers or people they cannot trust completely. Talk about the sort of text messages your children are receiving and sending.

Websites

Where to access further information to be safe on line:

www.kidsmart.org.uk/

www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk

www.childnet-int.org

www.dcsf.gov.uk/ukccis

There are quite a few good search engines for kids and you can also use filters on many other search engines to block certain sites.

www.yahooligans.com

www.ajkids.com

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/find/

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Our primary concern with the online environment is the safe and effective supervision of pupils using the internet in school. However, because many children are using the internet at home for homework, socialising, and playing games, it is vital that safe internet use at school is mirrored by safe internet use at home.

The Internet - it's a real world out there!

It can be a tough job keeping up to date with children these days. Just when we thought we were doing OK and could set the video recorder, along comes the Internet. Suddenly we have a new piece of technology, new language and new challenges for you as parents! We hope this guide will help you understand the online safety issues and give practical help as you talk to your children about their Internet use.

Help your child enjoy the internet safely

The internet opens up a world of entertainment, opportunity and knowledge. To help your child to enjoy it all safely, the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) has developed the Click Clever, Click Safe code.

'Zip it, Block it, Flag it

The code has been designed to:

- give parents the confidence to be able to help their children enjoy the internet safely

- help children and young people understand how their online experiences can expose them to risks

Zip it

When you're online, always keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do.

Block it

Think about blocking people who send you nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.

Flag it

If you are worried or unhappy about anything you see online, tell a parent or an adult you trust and they can help you.

Using the Internet safely at home

Whilst many Internet Service Providers offer filtering systems to help you safeguard your son or daughter at home, it remains surprisingly easy for students to access inappropriate material including unsuitable texts, pictures and movies.

Locating the computer in a family area, not a bedroom, will enable you to supervise your son or daughter as they use the Internet.

However, don't deny them the opportunity to learn from the wide variety of material and games available on the Internet.

Instead discuss with them some simple rules for keeping them safe and make sure they understand their importance. Being involved will help them understand the dangers and give them a sense of responsibility.