



Parent/Carers' Guide to E/Online-Safety

The health, safety and wellbeing of our children is at the heart of our practise at Haughton School.

We promote the fundamental principles of E/Online Safety throughout school. Our children will learn about E-Safety in a way that is appropriate to their individual needs. The teaching and learning of E-Safety is embedded into all of our Computing topics and is therefore part of every Computing lesson. We also visit this area within whole school assemblies and as part of our PSHE curriculum.

As a school we have many security measures in place, monitored by ourselves as a school and the Local Authority. This ensures that we can be as effective as possible in keeping our children safe from potential dangers or unsuitable materials that may be found online. All of our children are supported by a member of staff when using the internet and other forms of technology.

Technology is huge a part of our daily lives and we feel that it is essential to show and help our children to safeguard themselves. We also believe there is a huge importance for parents and carers to know about filters and parental controls, so you too can ensure that your child/children are not accessing inappropriate materials at home.

To support you with this we have compiled a list below of internet links and websites that may be useful for you in finding further information and advice about e/online safety:

- The **Thinkuknow** website provides advice for parents/carers, teachers and other professionals who work with children: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre** <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>
- <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>
- <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>
- www.internetmatters.org

- www.ceop.police.uk The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre works across the UK to tackle child abuse wherever and whenever it happens. Part of their

strategy is providing internet safety advice for parents and carers and delivering a virtual police station for reporting abuse on the internet.

- NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- Vodafone have produced a *Digital Parenting Magazine* which informs parents about the various technologies children are accessing today. This can be downloaded for you to view online, at: <http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html>
- TWSCB (Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board) Online Safety Briefing also contains advice from our Local Authority:
<http://www.telfordsafeguardingboard.org.uk/lscb/info/11/ifamfachildforyoungperson/11/onlinefsafety/2>

Quick tips for keeping your child safe at home:

- Set up parental controls on your home broadband and all of the Internet-enabled devices that your child has access to:
 - Password protect all accounts.
 - Choose the sites your child has access to on their account.
 - Make sure your child is using child-safe search engines, such as Swiggle <http://www.swiggle.org.uk/> or KidzSearch <http://www.kidzsearch.com/>.
 - You can find out how to activate 'safe search' options on other search engines such as Google and YouTube by typing this in online or searching for video 'how to' guides.
- Switch devices to aeroplane mode when your child is playing online games. This will prevent them from accidentally making in-app purchases or contacting other players online.
- Pay close attention to the age ratings on games, apps and films to make sure they are suitable for your child. The following website reviews games, apps and films to help you make an informed choice about the media that your child is accessing:
<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>
- If you would not allow your child to watch a 15 certificate film, you should not let them play a game with the same rating.
- Keep all devices your child will use, in a high-traffic communal area in your home, such as the kitchen or living room.
- Be with your child when they are online and talk about what they are doing.
- Talk regularly about the importance of online safety and about what your child is doing online.

If you require any further guidance about E-Safety and your child, then please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.