

# Children, ICT and e -safety

Information for Parents and Carers



# Langstone Junior School Computing Vision

As technology grows and the digital age blooms, we feel that it is vital that we educate children to develop digital fluency. Our school will strive to give pupils the skills they need to develop alongside our changing technological age.

With this in mind, we have developed three main aims that demonstrate the focus of our school.

We aim to educate all staff and pupils to enable them to become confident and competent ICT users who are prepared for the future.

**Because...** we have found that there is a knowledge gap that prevents both pupils and staff from reaching their full potential. Staff need to be able to demonstrate the key principles of computer science across all subjects, helping to equip pupils for their future working lives.

We aim to use a variety of computing technology across all subjects to aid and support learning.

**Because...** we have found that children can become excited and engaged within other subjects when using a variety of technology. By using a range of technology on a regular basis, the children become familiar with the growing range of skills required for it to become a natural part of their day to day lives.

# Social Media Rules

If your child does use age appropriate social media sites, it would be sensible to discuss the following rules with them so that they can keep themselves safe.

- **Be nice.** Mean behaviour is just as unacceptable in the virtual world as it is in the real world. Make it clear that you expect your kids to treat others with respect and courtesy, and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages about others. And ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others may post.
- **Think twice before hitting "enter."** Remind children that what they post can be used against them. For example, letting the world know that you're off on holiday or posting your home address gives would-be robbers a chance to strike. Children also should avoid posting specific locations of parties or events, as well as phone numbers.
- **Follow the "WWGS?" (What Would Grandma Say?) rule.** Teach kids that "once it's out there, you can't get it back." They shouldn't share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, colleges, future bosses — and yes, grandma — to see.
- **Use privacy settings.** Privacy settings are important, and to highlight their importance, go through the settings together to make sure your kids understand each one. Also, explain that passwords are there to protect them against things like identity theft and should never be shared with anyone (even a boyfriend, girlfriend, or best friend).
- **Don't "friend" strangers.** "If you don't know them, don't friend them." This is a plain, simple — and safe — rule of thumb

*The above rules have been taken from [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org).*

# Social Media

Social networking sites, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, have been increasingly popular. Whilst these sites provide a way for children to stay in contact with their friends, being a member can make way for several problem areas.

Children can become the victims of cyberbullying when using these sites. Due to the ease of access on smart phones, tablets and laptops, this bullying could occur at all hours of the day and night!

Without meaning to, children can share more than they realise online. Some apps will automatically post the users location when they send a message or write a comment. Many children do not know that some things can never be deleted. This may cause problems if they post something they later regret.

**Remember, most social media sites do not allow children under the age of 13 to become members. This rule has been set up to protect children. By signing up to these sites, your child may be breaking the rules! Check below!**

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Facebook Instagram Twitter Pinterest Tumblr Google+ Reddit Snapchat Secret Pandora Itunes Spotify Skype Myspace	LinkedIn	Youtube Flickr Xbox Live (child account until 18) Playstation Network (sub account until 17)	
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	Whats App		

We aim to ensure that all pupils have a good understanding of e-safety, ensuring they are responsible and safe members of the online community.

**Because...**the online community is continually growing and social networking sites have become more prevalent. Children need to be educated on how to be a responsible e-citizen, keeping both themselves and others safe.

Term	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Introduction to Langstone Technology E-safety	Coding on Scratch E-safety	Coding on Scratch E-safety	Spreadsheets E-safety Kodu Tinkering
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Word Processing Jam Sandwich Algorithms	Turtle Logo— Programming	Flowol Spelling Algorithms	Kodu Programming Binary Numbers
<b>Spring 1</b>	Internet Research and Communication My Robotics	Photo Stories Scratch: bug in the water cycle	Mixcraft Playground Games Flowcharts	Crumble Buggies
<b>Spring 2</b>	Scratch: Smoking Car 2D Shape Algo-	Animation	Sketch Up: 3D Modelling Crumble Traffic	Blogging
<b>Summer 1</b>	Drawing and desktop Publishing Presenting Skills	Google Sites Binary Baubles	Internet Research and Web Based Design Emails	Surveys
<b>Summer 2</b>	Using and Applying Scratch: Fossil Formation Animation	Using and Applying Email	Using and Applying School Networks	Using and Applying Stop Motion Video

## Using ICT at Home

We encourage the use of ICT at home! By doing so, children can:

- Improve their ICT skills
- Take ownership over their learning by making choice about what they learn and how they learn it
- Support homework and revision
- Improve the presentation of their work
- Connect learning at school with learning at home
- Make learning more fun!

With the use of ICT, children can further develop as Langstone Learners by seeking out new opportunities to grow.

## Tips for Safe Internet Use

Many Internet Service Providers offer filtering systems and tools to help you safeguard your child at home. However, it remains surprisingly easy for children to access inappropriate material, including unsuitable text, pictures and movies. With this in mind, parents are advised to set the security levels within your Internet browser.

It may be worth considering the location of the computer. By putting it in a family area, you can more easily supervise your son or daughter. Furthermore, you may want to consider what access your child has to the internet on their mobile phone, games consoles and other devices. It is also a good idea to regularly check the sites your child is visiting by looking at the history or favourites in the browser. Ensure that your child knows that you are just trying to keep them safe!

We strongly believe that the best way to keep your child safe is to maintain an open dialogue with your child about what they are using the

internet for. This will help to ensure that they feel comfortable sharing anything that they come across that they may be worried about.

## Rules for keeping your child safe

To keep your child safe, you should discuss these rules with your child.

- Ask permission before using the Internet and discuss what websites they are using.
- Only use websites you have chosen together or use a child friendly search engine.
- Only email people they know (you could set up an address book).
- Ask permission before opening an email sent by someone they don't know.
- Do not use a real name when using games or websites on the internet.
- Never give out personal information about themselves, friends or families.
- Never arrange to meet someone they have 'met' on the 'Internet' .
- Never tell someone they don't know where they go to school or post any pictures of themselves in school uniform

**We want all children to be safe members of the online community!  
Help them to do so by helping them understand the importance of  
these rules.**

# Further Information

## Useful websites with information on e-safety

**CEOP:** [www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk)

**Think you know:** [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

**Childnet:** [www.childnet-int.org](http://www.childnet-int.org)

**NSPCC:** [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## Child safe search engines

[www.askkids.com](http://www.askkids.com)

[www.kids.yahoo.com](http://www.kids.yahoo.com)

[www.kidsclick.org](http://www.kidsclick.org)

[www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)

