

Useful links and tips for Parents

Coldfall's online safety lessons

Class teachers discuss with their classes the important safety aspects they need to remember before going online. This is then reiterated when they come in to the ICT suite or use iPads.

In addition the school provides specific e-safety lessons and e-safety assemblies.

We teach the children how to deal with e-safety issues and empower them by group discussion and role-play.

We teach them to deal with immediate concerns by "minimising the screen, and telling an adult" rather than getting rid of it all together.

This way, we are able to see what is upsetting the children and help them to deal with it. It is also necessary to keep evidence of online bullying or other nasty activity for reporting purposes.

Many older children have designed online safety posters for the ICT suite to help the younger children learn how to stay safe online.

We constantly review what we do and take advice from the government recommended resources, and attend regular training.



Andrew Steadman is Miss Mole's friend who helps her with the online safety lessons. If your child is in Year 5 they will know Andrew well!



E-Safety poster by a Year 5 pupil

The e safety section of the website is regularly updated with resources for families.

The Childnet series of videos starring the Smart Crew is particularly good at answering those "what do I do if..." questions. They are helpful to watch together as a family. For younger children there are online story books featuring Smartie the Penguin or Digiduck .

The most important things to remember are:

- 1) Keep an open dialogue with your children about what they enjoy online and do things together and talk about their interests
- 2) Be aware of who they are talking to online, especially when gaming.
- 3) Go through the safety steps with them so they know how to search the internet safely and put restriction settings on for themselves.
- 4) Make sure they know how to block and report, but also that they can come to you for help.
- 5) Let them know if they see anything bad, or something they don't understand they can come to you without fear of reprisal for being curious on the internet
- 6) Most of all, encourage children to be positive, kind and happy online with others like we expect them to be in real life,
- 7) Remind them to be vigilant about the "not-so-nice" side of the internet.



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Our Online Safety Guide



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What the children are learning

The internet is an amazing place for learning and fun.

There are some bad people on the internet.

If I see something bad on my screen, I will minimize the screen and tell an adult.

I learn how to put safety features on so that it reduces the amount of bad things I might see.

I don't use my real name for things or give out my personal information like email address, phone number or postal address. I don't talk about which school I go to.

Even an online or gaming friend is not a real friend as they could be anyone. I should never meet people I have met online unless I go with my parents or carer to meet them in a safe public place.

I will think carefully before posting things online, particularly pictures and videos of myself and others.

I will make sure my words are kind.

I will never worry about telling a trusted adult about what I do online. I won't get in to trouble, and they can help me if I need it.

If I know someone is being cyberbullied I will tell an adult, and I will support the victims so that they don't feel alone.

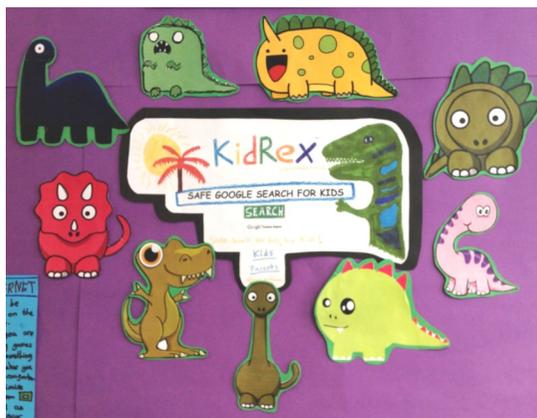
How we try to combat the “nasties”

LGFL and Webscreen 2.0

London Grid for Learning provide our internet connection through Virgin Media. They also filter our web use with Webscreen 2.0.

They block a lot of sites that we don't want our children to see, but as with everything to do with the internet, there is always a chance for things to slip through the net.

Kidrex



Kidrex is a child-safe search engine created by Google. There is a shortcut to this on all of the children's PC desktops.

As with everything on the internet it should not be relied on 100% to filter out all inappropriate material. We aim to encourage our children to inform an adult if they see something upsetting or inappropriate.

YouTube Restricted Mode



If you scroll to the very bottom of YouTube there is a “Restricted Mode” setting that when turned on filters out a lot of the bad content we don't want our children to see. We teach the children where this is, how to use it and why it is important.

Again it isn't 100% effective, but it reduces the amount of inappropriate results that will come up.

Minecraft Club and Peaceful Worlds

In Minecraft Club run by our learning mentor Alex Sapirstein the children are encouraged to play and build peacefully, supporting others in a common goal to “build the school”. Chat boxes are used and good communication is built and encouraged, whilst destructive behaviour is discouraged and discussed.

The Best Protection is Communication

Keeping an open dialogue with adults about what they do is vital to keep children safe and happy.