

Empowering Learning



Student Friendly Online Policy

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This child friendly online safety policy has been developed in collaboration with **Minerva Primary Academy** Pupil Council with the aim to keep

Why do we like the internet?

- We can learn new and interesting things
- We use it for our school work e.g. TTRS
- We can play games
- We can communicate with our friends



What is Online Safety?

 Being safe online means protecting yourself and others from online harms and risks so you can use online platforms responsibly and safely to learn, create, explore and have fun.



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What are the dangers of children going online?

- Cyber bullying nasty text messages, emails, group chats.
- People on the internet can pretend that they are someone else.
- People could ask you for personal information, which is dangerous.
- Inappropriate or incorrect content



How does Minerva Primary Academy keep pupils safe when they use the internet at school?

- The school maintain anti-virus software to keep viruses away
- We have internet filters to keep us from seeing inappropriate content.
- The schools keeps laptops and Wi-Fi access secure.
- Our curriculum proactively teaches everyone about keeping safe with regular reminders through pop up events and assemblies i.e. safer internet day
- Children have their own email accounts and taught not to share personal information or passwords

If you have a problem when you are online what should you do?

- Keep calm and try an ignore the person.
- Block and report anyone that is being unkind.
- Check your privacy settings.
- Report anything that worries you to a trusted adult at home and at school
- Keep all messages as evidence.



What should you not do?

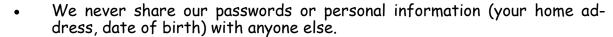
- Do not keep worries to yourself.
- Do not respond back or be unkind to anybody.

How does Minerva Primary Academy respond to Online Safety Issues?



- We take online safety matters seriously.
- We listen to the children involved and offer support.
- We investigate and look at evidence and speak to those involved.
- We may contact parents/carers.
- We encourage students to block and report.
- We will teach extra lessons in response to an issue

Our Internet Rules:





- We need to tell a grown up if we see or hear something that makes us upset or worried.
- When we only send emails or use social media apps that are polite and friendly.
- We will have more conversations with our parents/carers about what we are doing online and do our best to spend less time on our phones.

How should we act on the Internet?

S - Keep your personal information SAFE and Secure

 ${\bf M}$ - Do not agree to meet anyone from the Internet: they may not be who they say they are



- A Do not ACCEPT messages or emails from someone body you don't know
- R Remember, do not always trust the information you find on the Internet: it may not be correct

T - If something or someone upsets you on the Internet TELL a trusted adult in school or at home.

