

E-Safety Advice

Students at Oasis Academy Arena are taught how to stay safe online through their PSHEE lessons, Computer Science lessons and assemblies. We thought it would be helpful if we provided this information and guidance for our parents and carers so you could make sure your son/daughter was safe whilst using the internet at home.

Information and Guidance for Parents

Know what your children are doing online and who they are talking to. Ask them to teach you to use any applications you have never used. Keeping the computer in a family room means that you can share your child's online experience. They are less likely to act inappropriately (i.e. via webcam) if the computer is in a family room.

Help your children to understand that they should never give out personal details to online friends. Personal information includes their messenger ID, email address, mobile number and any pictures of themselves, their family or friends. If your child publishes a picture or video online, anyone can change it or share it. Remind them that anyone may be looking at their images and one day a future employer could!

If your child receives spam/junk email texts, remind them never to believe them, reply to them or use them. It is not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain — it could be a virus, or worse — an inappropriate image or film. Help your child to understand that some people lie online and therefore they should not always believe what people say online. They should never meet up with any strangers.

Always keep communication open for a child to know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Teach your child how to block someone online and how to report them if they feel uncomfortable.

Useful Websites

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> provide advice and tips for children and adults of all ages

Think You Know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> -find the latest information on the sites you like to visit, mobiles and new technology.