The SMART Rules for Internet Safety

S **Secret -** Always keep your name, address, mobile phone number and password private – it's like giving out the keys to your home!

M **Meeting** someone you have contacted in cyberspace can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's/carer's permission, and then when they can be present.

A **Accepting** e-mails or opening files from people you don't really know, or trust can get you into trouble – they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

R **Remember** someone on-line may be lying and not be who they say they are. Stick to the public areas in chat rooms and if you feel uncomfortable simply get out of there!

T **Tell** your parent or carer if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

FURTHER ADVICE AND RESOURCES

The Childnet International website gives internet safety advice and links for young people, parents, teachers, and other organisations. Childnet's Chatdanger website, accessible from here, gives information and advice about how to keep safe while chatting online. www.childnet.com

Childnet's Digizen website provides information about using social network sites and social media sites creatively and safely, it shares advice and guidance on preventing and responding to cyberbullying, and it houses several classroom resources focused on encouraging responsible digital citizenship. www.digizen.org

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre's website houses a range of information on how to stay safe online. It includes a link that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online which the police will investigate. www.ceop.gov.uk

The Internet Watch Foundation website is the UK's hotline for reporting illegal online content. It deals specifically with child abuse images hosted worldwide and criminally obscene and incitement to racial hatred content hosted in the UK. www.iwf.org.uk

Some additional Websites:

www.google.co.uk/goodtoknow/online-safety

www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents

www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help/social-media

www.bbc.co.uk/onlinesafety/

www.nspcc.org.uk/fighing-for-childhood/newsopinion/share-aware-campaign-launches

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Key Points for

E – Safety

Our full E-Safety Policy is available from the Office!

What is E-Safety?

E-Safety is short for Electronic safety. It encompasses not only Internet technologies but also electronic communications via mobile phones, games consoles and wireless technology.

- E-Safety concerns safeguarding children and young people in the digital world

- E-Safety is concerned with supporting children and young people to develop safer online behaviour both in and out of school

Why do we use the Internet in school?

The Internet is a unique and exciting resource. It brings the world into the classroom. It has many educational benefits:

- It gives children opportunities to find up to date information that might otherwise be unavailable in school

- It provides fast and efficient communication

- It encourages independent learning and children enjoy using it

- Use of the Internet is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world

- To access a range of educational programmes to enhance their learning

What are the Dangers for my Child?

21st century life presents dangers including violence, racism and exploitation from which pupils need to be reasonably protected. Pupils need to be taught at an appropriate age and maturity to recognise and avoid the risks.

Cyber Bullying – this can take place in many different forms and includes:

- Email (nasty or abusive)
- Instant Messaging and Chat Rooms (potential to transmit threatening or abusive messages)
- Social Networking sites (posting nasty or upsetting comments)
- Online Gaming (abuse or harassment)
- Mobile Phones (abusive texts, video or photo messages including sexting)
- Abusing Personal Information (posting photo's, personal information, comments, blogs or pretending to be someone online with permission)

Pupils will be taught to become "Internet Wise" and ultimately good "digital citizens".

Multimedia Technology

iPads, tablets, game consoles and other such technology have the potential for personal harm, hurt and damage to individuals by misuse and abuse. Provision of Multimedia Technology Safety is made in school for both staff and pupils. ipads are used as an educational tool to enhance pupil's learning experiences. For full provision, please see our full E-Safety Policy.

What can we do in School?

The Internet is available to all. School Internet access is designed for pupil use and includes filtering by C2k which shall be appropriate to the age of pupils. Children are taught what internet use is acceptable and what is not. They are given clear objectives for Internet use. They will be taught to be "Click clever, Click Safe":

- **Zip it** (never give personal data over the internet)
- **Block it** (block people you don't know)
- **Flag it** (if you see something you don't like, flag it up with someone you trust)

What can you do at Home?

It is important to promote Internet Safety in the home and to take an interest in what your children are doing on the Internet.

- Keep the computer or other Multimedia devices in an area of your home where you can see your child using it
- Know which technologies (mobile phones, Gaming devices) provide internet access and discuss their use with your child
- Keep an eye on the clock! Too much time spent on the Internet can be unhealthy
- Remind children that there are websites which are unsuitable. If they come across unsuitable materials, they must tell you
- Know the SMART rules for Internet safety and discuss them with your children
- Use Parental controls and check privacy settings continually