

INTERNET SAFETY – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



As more preschool age children are using their parents, or their own, computers, phones and tablets to access online games, videos or learning resources, it is important that parents follow simple guidelines to ensure they are using the internet safely.



1. Talk to your child about what the internet is for and explore it together, showing them examples of the fun and educational things, they can do.
2. Ensure you have installed parental controls on your home broadband.
3. Keep devices out of reach and set passwords on all internet-enabled devices so that you know when and where your child is accessing the internet.
4. Use safe search engines when going online with your child. Examples are 'Swiggle' or 'kids-search' and you can also activate safe search settings on Google or other search engines as well as on YouTube.
5. Encourage your child to only use devices in communal areas at home so you can keep an eye on how they are using the internet and be involved in what they are doing.
6. Manage your child's access by creating a user account for them which only allows them access to sites you have chosen.
7. Set boundaries and rules about screen time.

Most Important, encourage your child to talk to you about any worries or anything they have seen online that they are worried about.