



Online and social media use

The use of computers and social media has become an integral part of our lives. As parents and carers we accept that technology is part of modern civilisation, however we have a responsibility to teach and protect our children through our own behaviour and e-safety knowledge.

The school holds regular e-safety parents meetings which we encourage you to attend.

The school community is asked to promote the following behaviour:

To show common courtesy online;

- We ask permission before uploading photographs, videos or information about others online.
- We do not write or upload hurtful, rude or derogatory material. This is disrespectful, can upset, can cause distress, be an act of bullying or harassment.

To show common decency online;

- We do not post comments that can be considered as being prejudicial, intimidating or defamatory.
- We do not forward comments that exist online, such as emails, video, chat etc. Forwarding can make you liable.

To show common sense online WE THINK.....

- before we 'click'
 - before we upload
 - before we download or forward
 - carefully about what information we share with others,
 - we check where it is saved
 - we check our privacy settings
- We make sure we understand changes in use of any sites or applications that we use
 - We block harassing communications and report abuse

Any actions online that impact on the school and can potentially lower the school's (or someone in the school) reputation in some way or are deemed as being inappropriate will be responded to.

Social media has become a significant part of modern life. In the event that any member of staff, pupil or parent/carer is found to be posting libellous or inflammatory comments on any social media sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the site.

In serious cases we will consider legal options to deal with misuse.

The whole school community is reminded of the CEOP report abuse process this can be found on our website.

