

There are lots of organizations that offer more detailed and in depth advice and support on these and many other related issues.

**Child exploitation and online protection centre (CEOP)**

[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**Child Line**

<http://www.childline.org.uk/>

**Action for Children**

<http://www.choose.net/media/guide/features/parental-controls-broadband-internet-safety.html>

**Childnet International:**

<http://www.childnet-int.org/>

**Digizen**—Safe social networking advice for children: <http://www.digizen.org/>

**NSPCC**

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

**Parental Control Website**

<http://www.choose.net/media/guide/features/parental-controls-broadband-internet-safety.html>

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic school, God is at the very heart of all we do. The rites and practices of the Roman Catholic faith are reverently upheld in the school and participation in these rites and practices is offered to all our children. It is our role to recognise each individual's worth and to teach the message of the Gospels. Gospel values of trust, honesty, forgiveness, self-respect, self-discipline and loving and caring for one another are an essential part of everyday life in the school.



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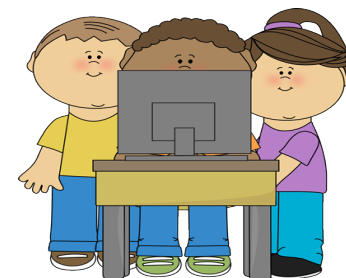
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## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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KEEPING  
OUR  
CHILDREN  
SAFE ONLINE



Our E-Safety Policy can be downloaded from the school's website.  
[www.stjosephsworcester.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsworcester.co.uk)

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# Keeping Safe Online

The continual advances in technology opens up a new world of possibilities and is one that we should all embrace and encourage. The benefits to learning are endless and continue to inspire young people in all that they do. It also brings risks and through this, responsibility.

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we believe that we all have a duty to support and educate our children in making positive and effective choices.

The best way we can protect our children is to educate them; to give them the facts so that they can make informed and knowledgeable choices.

## What are the Risks?

**Commerce:** Young people regularly sign up for things online. Signing up often requires entering personal details. Your details are then available to a number of people and organisations who you do not know and are often passed on to third parties for marketing purposes. Signing up to some websites can often result in invasive software being downloaded onto your computer, you may not even know that this is happening.

**Content:** The internet is great but there is a lot of inaccurate information on it too. Minority groups use the internet to promote and share their ideas. Children need to be taught how to distinguish between fact and opinion. Adult content such as gambling and pornography sites are also available and entice users by advertising on other websites. Children can end up on these sites by accident, having clicked on an advertisement.

**Contact:** Communication via the internet works on trust; we can never be sure that the person we are communicating with is who they say they are. We cannot ignore the fact that anyone has access to the internet. Sometimes the internet is used as a way of contacting young people for inappropriate or illegal purposes. In addition, some people are choosing to abuse others using the technologies - cyber-bullying.

## Be SMART and stay safe when using the Internet.

**SMART** rules will help our young people to stay safe online when using all kinds of technology such as mobile phones, games consoles and home computers.

### SMART

**Safe:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online

**Meeting:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

**Accepting:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

**Reliable:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

**Tell:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

## What can Parents do?

### Commerce:

Install software to protect your computer's security, Be careful which sites the rest of the family visit, Use a family email address for shopping and online forms, Use the free technology: pop-up blockers & SPAM filters; and your good judgement: don't reply to SPAM! Check sites for extra security (padlock/green tick from Google – safe site / trusted link)

### Content:

Talk to your children about what to do if they do come across something unpleasant. Use child-friendly search engines or set a search filter. Try [www.kidrex.org](http://www.kidrex.org). Encourage them to use browser tools – Bookmarks & History. Install filtering but don't rely on it. Talk to your service provider about 'content blocking'. Find appropriate sites to visit and try not to overreact – lots of inappropriate content viewed accidentally

### Contact:

Encourage balanced use – set time limits and agree rules as a family. Remind your child to only add people to their friendship networks online if they know them personally. Remind your child not to share too much personal information and details online. Make sure they know who to talk to if they feel uncomfortable. Talk about the consequences of giving out personal info or making information public. Keep the computer in a family room – do look over their shoulder from time to time.

Adjust privacy settings in social network sites to ensure that **you** are in control of how much information you share and who with. Pay attention to age restrictions. For example, Facebook and Twitter accounts **are for people aged 13 and over**.