

The Dorcan Academy E-Safety guidance

Students today are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. The Dorcan Academy want to equip our students with the knowledge needed to make the best use of the internet and technology in a safe, considered and respectful way, so they are able to reap the benefits of the online world.

Helping your child manage their digital footprint

Whenever your child uses the internet they leave a record of what they have done; this is especially important as once an image has been posted to the internet it is very difficult to remove. The following is some guidance on how your child can reduce their digital foot print:

- Students shouldn't share their real name, address, phone number, school and town in which they live
- Encourage them to think about which friends they share information with
- Share as little personal information as possible in a chat room
- Delete apps no longer being used to stop data harvesting
- Use a range of secure passwords that they do not share
- Regularly review privacy settings especially after updates
- Get your child to think about comments they post as they are difficult to remove once online. You can highlight the examples of many celebrities who have got into trouble due to old social media posts.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection agency



The CEOP aims to keep children safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. They form part of the National Crime Agency. The CEOP are unable to respond to reports about bullying, fake accounts or account hacking. The website can be accessed through the following [link](#). Students and parents are both able to report their concerns through the website and it also provides guidance to parents on how to keep their child safe.

Recommended* websites for students:

- Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- BBC Own it - <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

Recommended* websites for parents:

- Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- NPSCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- Parent Zone - <https://parentzone.org.uk/>
- Parent Info - <https://parentinfo.org/>

*All website recommend by Department for Education

Childnet

<https://childnet.com>

Childnet offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support.

UK Safer Internet Centre

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

UK Safer Internet Centre has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services.

If you do have any further questions, please contact the Digital Skills Life Teacher Lee McKinnon. He can be contacted by email at lmckinnon@dorcan.co.uk or by phone on 01793 525231.