

Some Useful Websites

[CEOP](#) - This site has advice for parents on how to keep your child safe and a contact button for help and advice should there be any E safety issues that you need help with.

[Think U know](#) - contains internet safety advice for those aged from 5 to 16, along with parents and teachers, this site is produced by CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

[Know It all](#) - lots of useful advice for keeping yourselves and your children safe on the Internet

[Kidsmart](#) - An award-winning internet safety programme for children.

[Vodafone Parents](#) - Vodafone have lots of fantastic practical advice for parents. You can also read their 'Digital Parenting' magazine.

[Google Family Safety Centre](#)



Warkworth Church of England Aided Primary School

*'Learning together through love,
forgiveness and friendship'*



This year we have chosen to focus on the Christian Values of Love, Forgiveness, Friendship, Respect, Community and Perseverance.

Parent's Guide to E- Safety

The purpose of this guide

Children of today are increasingly using Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in schools and at home.

This guide explains:

- How your child is using ICT in school
- How using ICT in the home can help children to learn.
- How you can help your child stay safe at home.
- Where to access further information.

How your child uses ICT at school

ICT in schools is taught as a subject in its own right and also supports children's learning in other subjects across the curriculum, including Literacy and Numeracy. Within ICT lessons children learn to use a wide range of ICT including:

- **Word Processing** to write stories, poems and letters
- **Presentations** to present sound, pictures and video
- **Drawing programs** to create pictures and designs
- **Internet** to find information
- **Digital Cameras** to record what they have done in class or on a visit
- **Electronic Sensors** to record changes in light, sound and temperature
- **Controllable Robots** to give instructions and make something happen
- **Simulations** to explore real and imaginary situations
- **Spreadsheets** to create tables, charts and graphs
- **Databases** to record information e.g. minibeasts

Benefits of using ICT at home

How we know that using ICT at home can help

Many studies have looked at the benefits of having access to a computer and or the Internet at home. Here are some of the key findings:

- Used effectively, ICT can improve children's achievement
- Using ICT at home and at school develops skills for life
- Children with supportive and involved parents and carers do better at school
- Children enjoy using ICT
- Using ICT provides access to a wider and more flexible range of learning materials

Keeping your child safe online -

A checklist for Parents & Carers

I have asked my child to show me the sites they use - By doing so, your child is including you in their online life and social activity. Show an interest and take some note of the names of their favourite sites. You can then revisit these when you are alone. Take your time and explore the space, find out how to set the safety features and learn how to report any issues directly to the site.

I have asked my child to set their profile settings to private -

Encourage your child to set their privacy settings to private. They need to think about the information they post online as it could be copied and pasted anywhere without their permission. If it got into the wrong hands, somebody may wish to use it against them or worst of all try to locate them in the real world.

I have set appropriate parental controls on my child's mobile phone computer and games console - Filters on computers and mobiles prevent your child from viewing inappropriate and possibly illegal content. You can activate and change levels depending on your child's age and abilities you can also set time restrictions for using the internet or games.

My child has agreed to tell me if they are worried about something online - Sometimes children get into situations online where they don't feel comfortable or see something they don't want to see. By opening up the communication channels and talking to your child about the internet, their favourite sites and the risks they may encounter, they are more likely to turn to you if they are concerned about something.

I know where to get help if I'm concerned about my child -

The CEOP Safety Centre provides access to a range of services. If you are concerned that an adult has made inappropriate contact with your child you can report this directly to CEOP.

