

## **Our current eSafety focus is Basic Online Protection**

Staying safe online is one of the most important skills to using the internet. Whilst social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook are commonly known to cause issues, gaming websites, chat rooms and instant messaging services are further examples of services used by millions which can cause safety risks. With huge numbers of people using the internet, it's hard to know who and what to trust online.

Top tips:

- Use websites recommended by teachers and parents
- Use a student friendly search engine
- Consider who created a website and possible bias within information
- Only email people you know be cautious before opening an email sent by someone you don't know
- Use internet chat rooms, websites, instant messaging etc with caution
- Use blocking and reporting facilities to report unwanted users
- Try not to use their real name when using games or websites on the internet (create a nick name)
- Never give out any personal information about yourself, friends or family online including home address, phone or mobile number
- Never email your school name or a picture in school uniform (even to a friend)
- Never arrange to meet anyone alone, and always tell an adult first and meet in a public place
- Only use a webcam with people you know tell an adult you trust immediately if you find anything you are unhappy with
- Report concerns to the Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
- Avoid using websites you feel they could not tell an adult about
- Be aware comments you make on Blogs, Wikis and Social Networking Sites are likely to be viewed by others