Keeping your child safe online

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Ask your child what sites and apps they use. You can then explore the sites yourself and check out the safety and reporting features.

Social networking sites like Facebook are used by children to share information, photos & videos. Encourage your child to set their profile to **private** so they are not sharing this information with the world. Talk to them about what information should stay private.

It is very easy to create fake profiles online. It is important children understand that people can lie about who they really are. Encourage your child to only 'friend' people they know and trust in the real world. The advice "Don't talk to strangers!" is wise advice online too.

Have Respect for Others

Everyone is entitled to use the internet and technology in a safe and pleasant way. They need to respect other people's views and thoughts. Encourage your child to only use the internet for positive reasons. Don't make nasty comments to others or share embarrassing photos of people. They also need to remember that what they do online is permanent; so something they post today may come back to haunt them at university, college or work in the future.

Who are the OLCC Digital Leaders?

In September 2015, students at Our Lady's joined the Childnet Digital Leaders Programme. This aims to empower young people to champion digital citizenship and digital creativity within their schools and to educate their peers, parents and teachers about staying safe online.

Students from Years 7 to 12 have been involved in promoting Online Safety to our own students as well as local primary school pupils.

Images: Keep them Family Friendly

Sharing photos and videos is now very easy. Apps like Snapchat and Oovoo allow children to share media with friends and rather worringly strangers too. For a variety of reasons your child may want to or be encouraged to take 'sexy' photos or even a 'nude selfie'. 'Nude selfies' of anyone under 18 are illegal and anyone asking for these images should be reported to CEOP (police) immediately. But they also can be very damaging to your child's confidence and self esteem if they are shared amongst friends. Encourage your child to only take and share family friendly images and videos. Photos they would happily share with you, gran and grandad.

No cyberbullying

Bullying is no longer just in the playground. With modern technology; nasty comments, cruel photos are other ways of bullying someone which can be done 24/7. Encourage your child to think before they post comments or share posts about other people. If they are the victim encourage them to tell you or a teacher. Don't retaliate and keep the evidence.

Educate Others

It is important to get the message of Online Safety out there. Help others understand the risks. Share good practice on how to keep yourself safe. Ask your child if they have learnt anything new about staying safe online and encourage them to share it with others.

Also use the OLCC Digital Leaders Facebook page to keep up to date on latest apps, technology and ideas to stay safe. This page is run by the Digital Leaders themselves.



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