

PLAYGROUND ONLINE SAFETY GUIDELINES

The internet can be a great resource for young people, whether it is for entertainment, education or just for keeping in touch with friends. However, it is also important to consider the risks and to remember to always stay safe online.

Share only information that you don't mind everyone seeing.

Many people use the internet, including your friends, family and teachers. Therefore you should only share things that you would be happy for everyone to see.

Have a strong password for all of your online accounts.

You should use a unique and secret password, otherwise there is a risk that people could log onto your accounts and change things.

Always ask permission to share photos online.

Only upload photos that you don't mind the whole world seeing! You should also check that everyone in your photo is happy for it to go online.

Know how to block people if they make you feel uncomfortable.

Sometimes 'friends' on social media sites can upset you or make you feel uncomfortable. You should therefore make sure that you learn how to block these people if you need to.

Email attachments or links should only be opened if you are expecting them.

You should avoid opening any links or attachments in emails if you are not expecting them, or if you do not recognise the sender. We promise never to link to another website that doesn't have its own online child safety guidelines.

Seek help from an adult if another user or piece of content is upsetting you.

If you are upset by another user or something that has been posted online then you should tell an adult you trust. An adult will then be able to help you to report the problem.

Personal details should never be shared online.

You should always keep your personal details private. So never share your full name, address or phone number over the internet.

Explore websites only if you know they are safe.

You should only use trustworthy sources of information, and only download files from websites you are sure are safe to use. All the Playground links keep you on our site, or take you to websites with their own child safety guidelines.

Avoid 'friending' people you do not know.

On social media sites you should only 'friend' people that you know and trust. Particularly be careful of private messaging people you do not know.

Read the 'terms of use' for this website with an adult.

You should read the Globe's 'terms of use' with an adult so that you know what we do with the information you send us.

End your internet session by always logging out.

Remember to always log out properly at the end of an internet session, especially if you are using a shared computer.

