

Internet Safety & Harm



Curriculum Links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

Key Facts:

- That for most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits
- About the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing
- How to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private
- Why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted
- That the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place, which can have a negative impact on mental health
- How to be a discerning consumer of information online including understanding that information, including that from search engines, is ranked, selected and targeted
- Where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online.



Key Vocabulary

Media	Ways of mass communication (broadcasting, publishing and internet)
Password	A word or phrase used to gain admission
Privacy	Someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships secret
Safety	Being protected from danger, risk or injury
Settings	Where you can set various functions
Spam	Unwanted messages sent over to the internet
Troll	A person who makes deliberately offensive posts online
Virus	A piece of code which has a negative effect

Possible experiences: We should already know:

- Use search engines and discuss reliability of websites/information
- Look at examples of 'fake news'
- Look at examples of how to report concerns online
- Create internet safety posters/adverts
- Sometimes people behave differently online
- The same principles apply to online relationships as face-to-face
- Rules and principles for keeping safe online
- That information is shared online
- The risks associated with forming relationships with people they haven't met