

Child Friendly Online Safety Policy

Elmore Green Primary School



It is important to stay safe online!



What is online safety?

Online safety at a simple level means being safe on the internet and when using technology.

Why do we need an online safety policy?



It is important for us to have an online safety policy at Elmore Green. It ensures that children can learn, have fun, but also stay safe when using the internet, both at school and at home. This policy also makes sure children know what to do, and who to talk to, if something on the internet makes them worried.



What are the dangers of children going online?

Whilst the internet is a wonderful thing, it can also be dangerous if you don't understand how to use it safely and appropriately. Here are some of the dangers we could encounter:

- We could see or hear things that are not suitable for children.
- People who we do not know are classed as strangers and it is dangerous to talk to strangers online.
- People on the internet can pretend that they are someone they aren't.
- People could ask for personal information, which is dangerous to share.
- Not everybody on the internet is kind. We could encounter cyber bullying and unkind content.
- Some links can contain viruses which can damage computers or iPads.

What should I do if something bad happens online?



If something inappropriate has happened online, it is important to tell an adult and keep the evidence to show them exactly what has happened. The adult you tell will be able to help solve the problem, and give you advice on what to do next.

It is important that you **do not keep worries to yourself**, otherwise there is nothing we can do to help.

If you don't want to tell an adult face to face, you can report it online on the ThinkUknow website (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>) using the CEOP report button.



How does school help to keep us safe online?

At Elmore Green all staff are trained to help keep children safe on the internet, we take online safety very seriously.

We maintain anti-virus software, along with internet filters to keep children from seeing inappropriate content. We also keep access to school i-Pads, Laptops, our network and our Wi-fi secure.

We teach children how to use the internet safely. Children are taught the dangers of the internet, such as cyber-bullying, and we deal with any incidents promptly and thoroughly.



What are our internet rules at Elmore Green?

- ⇒ Sign the acceptable use policy, and follow it at all times.
- ⇒ Hand mobile phones in at the start of the day.
- ⇒ Use technology safely and for educational purposes only.
- ⇒ Use the school ICT equipment respectfully.
- ⇒ Tell a teacher straight away if something is broken or not working properly.
- ⇒ Only use websites your teacher has advised you to look at.
- ⇒ Tell your teacher if you see anything inappropriate.
- ⇒ Do not click on any links that you are unsure of.
- ⇒ Never attempt to search for, or type anything inappropriate.
- ⇒ Never give out personal details online.
- ⇒ Always keep your passwords to yourself.
- ⇒ Ensure your iPad is always put on charge when you put it away.

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Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



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Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



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Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Top Tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk