Cyber Safety Solutions

Internet Safety Tips for Primary Students:-

• Do not reply to rude or nasty comments.
• Immediately tell an adult if you feel uncomfortable or worried online.
• If someone is being mean or nasty online – block them.
• Use all electronic devices in a common area of the house NOT IN THE BEDROOM! (this includes IPods, phones, IPads etc)
• Do not have a ‘likey, silly, or nasty log on name.
• Help your parents to learn about the internet. Teach your parents the language of the cyberspace.
• Let your parents know where you go online, just as you would in real life.
• Ask your parents to spend time online with you - learn and explore together
• Make sure that there are filters and other monitoring/blocking software.
• Together with mum or dad, set house rules about what information you can put onto websites or share with others.
• Never ever share PERSONAL INFORMATION such as your name, address, phone number or school!
• If you are under 13 years of age YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE FACEBOOK! Don’t break the rules just because someone else does!
• Instagram, KiK, ITunes, YouTube also have an age restriction of 13 years or older.
• Social networking site friends/game contacts should be people that you know in real life. This is one way to reduce possible risks.
• An ‘online friend’ that you don’t know in real life is a STRANGER.
• Passwords MUST NOT BE SHARED!!!!! Choose passwords that others can’t guess…..not your fav food or pets name.
• Change passwords 4 times per year (last day of every term)
• Be aware that information on the internet is not always reliable.
• Your parents should check all your accounts regularly and also know your passwords.
• If you are playing games online, YOUR parents should know how to play the game too in case of problems. Play online games together.
• Learn about search engines and how they work.
• The internet and the various applications are a lot of fun …….surf safely together with your parents!

Please note that this list is by no means exhaustive and that there is no guarantee that adherence to these tips will provide 100% protection or safety for those using the various applications of the internet.

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