

E Safety Statement of Policy

E-safety is an integral part of children's education in today's digital world and is embedded in their learning at school. We want to help our parents, carers and children improve their own understanding of e-safety issues so they can learn to use the internet and all digital media in a safe and secure way.

At Home

As a parent, you'll know how important the internet is to children - they use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves. It's a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. But the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online - such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing illegal or inappropriate content.

You can download a simple checklist [here](#) that may help you start to protect your children online and decrease the risks they face. Or you can engage with your children regarding their use of the internet while at home. Here are some conversation starter ideas from www.childnet.com

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block the services they use.
- Encourage them to help by showing you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

At School

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of computer skills, we provide access to the internet only in teacher supervised lessons. We strongly believe that the use of the web and email is hugely worthwhile and an essential tool for children as they grow up in the modern world. But because there are always concerns about children having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school internet access provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials.

Throughout the school year, each class discusses how they can all stay safe online and the dangers they may face on the internet. We have an Acceptable Use Agreement for our children which we ask you to sign with them prior to starting with us.

Remote Learning

Every child is provided with a secure account login. This means that they are able to access a range of resources to help with their learning throughout their time with us. In addition, we use the Seesaw platform for home (and remote if necessary) learning

The school has access to all children's' accounts and can block access if they do not act appropriately. In addition, it is vital that they do not share their username or password with others. This way we can ensure that we are doing our utmost to keep our children safe online. The school has a Remote Learning Policy which outlines our approach and provision during the Covid 19 pandemic.



[Privacy settings](#) are an important part of keeping our young children safe and you can find out more information about them [here](#)

For more information you can view our [E safety policy](#) on our website at www.hamstelinfants.co.uk , if you have any questions, please email the School Office at office@his.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

Parent Resources

To try and help parents with the fast moving and changing world of internet and social media we've suggested a few internet sites below which offer fantastic resources. They contain information on different types of social media and how to help keep children safe.

Childnet also produce a **leaflet for parents** which you can download here <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

[Parent Fact Sheets & Guides To Popular Social Media](#) Click on the following links to find some useful parental guides to the following social media

Jessie and Friends - To see the latest information for parents on how to keep their 4-7 years olds safe on line, please click [here](#)

It's important to remember that the legal age to have an account on most social media - Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, Snapchat - is 13 years old.

Internet Safety Resources

Childnet is a great website resource for parents and children on online safety. Click [here](#) to watch an interactive video on how to keep your child safer online.

Think U Know has a great section for parents and covers topics such as gaming and talking to strangers. You can also search by topic or age range to find information that is relevant for your family. You can find the site [here](#)

Internet Matters is another great site to use - it has advice on cyberbullying, how to talk to your children about internet safety and quick guides to different types of social media such as Instagram and Snapchat. You can visit their pages here [Internet Matters](#).

You can download the DofE advice for parents on cyberbullying [here](#)

You can access the DofE online parents support website called Parent Info [here](#)

Here are quick links to a range of Internet safety sites that you may find useful too...

[NSPCC NetAware](#)

[Safer Internet](#)

[Childnet](#)

[Internet Matters](#)

[CEOP Police](#)

