



# Bursley Academy

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## **Internet Safety Day – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some key information to promote internet safety and share suggestions for how you, as parents, can further support your child's wellbeing online.

Together, we will work in partnership and we'd like to outline our roles in how to keep your children safe online.

### **Your role as a parent is:**

**Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.** What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

**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 can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

**Think about how you each use the internet.** What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

**Actively check your child's devices with the children's consent – make it a part of their relationship with the device; that they know you will check it.**

### **6 Tips Parents Can Implement For Online Safety:**

1. *Foster Cybersecurity Awareness e.g. passwords*
2. *Set Ground Rules*
3. *Use Parental Control Software*
4. *Maintain Open Communication*
5. *Don't Scare Children, Empower Them*
6. *Be Proactive, Not Reactive*

Just a friendly reminder, the school isn't responsible for online incidents that happen outside of school hours. If any issues come up from your child's online interactions, we encourage you to take the necessary steps to address them. Thank you!

### **Our role as a school:**

Schools have a dual responsibility when it comes to online safety: to ensure the school's online procedures keep children and young people safe, and to teach them about online safety, in and outside of school.

We will foster an open environment in which children and young people are encouraged to ask any questions and participate in an ongoing conversation about the benefits and risks of the online world.

We will:

- Create e-safety policies and procedures that will help us mitigate risk and respond to concerns
- Ensure teachers have the knowledge to teach students about e-safety
- Provide advice on using social media
- Support and include parents and carers by sharing helpful advice and resources
- Review and update our e-safety provision on an ongoing basis.

**Please see the attached flyer from the National College London which supports the theme of this year's**

**Internet Safety Day: Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.**

**Useful websites:** <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>  
<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>