E-Safety Information Sheet

What is e-safety?

Ofsted define it as a *'school's ability to protect and educate pupils and staff in their use of technology and to have the appropriate mechanisms to intervene and support any incident where appropriate'.* In simple terms, e-safety is the *'safe and responsible use of technology'.*

Where can my child find more information?

The Academy's website has a page entitled 'E-Safety for Pupils' which can be accessed under the 'Pupils' section. The information provided covers links to the main risks and problems; and sources of support, advice and guidance.

Where can parents find more information?

The Academy's website has a page entitled 'E-Safety for Parents' which can be accessed under the 'Parents' section. The information provided includes a link to the Academy's E-Safety Policy; a BCS accredited e-safety awareness course for parents; general advice on how to keep your child safe online; and links to a range of information and resources.

Where are your top tips for helping me keep my child safe online?

Establish robust parent controls – prevention is better than a cure.

Establish clear rules for the use of technology to break the 24/7 culture and dependency.

Monitor (and be responsive to) changes in your child's character/personality and encourage them to talk to you about any of their concerns by offering reassurance and support.

Know where to get help if you are concerned about your child.

Can you recommend any useful websites?

A range of articles for parents: http://parentinfo.org/articles/all

A parents' guide to technology: http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-to-technology

A guide to parental controls: http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/ and http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls

A guide to how to set up safety features on the most popular social networks: http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/safety-tools-on-online-services/social-networks

A guide to social networks: https://www.net-aware.org.uk/

NSPCC online safety: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?mc_cid=633b69242f&mc_eid=a5aac1022b