

Staying Safe in the Digital World: A Guide by Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To understand how to stay safe online and recognise the importance of digital boundaries.

Use this writing frame to create your own 'Online Safety Code'. Think about the advice Kit the Fox would give to his friends to ensure they stay safe when exploring the internet.

Just like navigating a tricky forest path, exploring the digital world requires us to be alert, careful, and always prepared.

Word bank: private information · trusted adult · digital footprint · passwords · respectful · stranger danger · cyber-kindness · immediately · secure · boundaries

1. Why is it essential to keep your personal information, such as your full name, address, and school name, private? Start your answer by saying: Keeping personal details private is vital because... (2 marks)

2. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, worried, or confused, what is the best course of action? Start your answer by saying: If I encounter something that feels wrong, I should... (2 marks)

3. Explain why creating a strong, unique password is a clever way to protect your online accounts. Start your answer by saying: A strong password acts like a digital key because... (2 marks)

4. How can you demonstrate kindness and respect when communicating with others online? Start your answer by saying: Being a good digital citizen means that I should always... (2 marks)

5. Justify why it is important to check with a trusted adult before downloading new games or visiting unfamiliar websites. Start your answer by saying: It is sensible to ask for permission because... (3 marks)

6. What might happen if we do not follow online safety rules, and how can these consequences be avoided? Start your answer by saying: If safety rules are ignored, it could lead to..., but this can be avoided by... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Digital Safety Poster' for your classroom. Use your writing from above to create a catchy slogan and three golden rules for staying safe. Compare and contrast the rules you would set for a child playing a game compared to an adult using social media—why might they be different?