

Digital Detectives: Mastering Online Safety

Learning objective: To understand how to stay safe, respectful, and responsible when using digital devices and the internet.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of online safety. Work with a partner to discuss the scenarios and explain why these rules are essential for your digital wellbeing.

Personal Information

Details that can identify you, such as your full name, home address, school name, or phone number. These should never be shared online with strangers.

Strong Password

A secret combination of letters, numbers, and symbols that is difficult for others to guess, helping to keep your accounts secure.

Digital Footprint

The permanent trail of data and information you leave behind every time you use the internet, including posts, photos, and comments.

Trusted Adult

A responsible person, such as a parent, carer, or teacher, whom you can go to if you feel uncomfortable or worried about something you saw online.

Cyber-bullying

Using digital devices to intentionally upset, threaten, or harm someone else. It is never acceptable and should always be reported.

Privacy Settings

Controls on apps and websites that allow you to choose who can see your profile and contact you, helping you stay in control of your digital space.

Report Button

A tool provided by websites and apps to alert moderators about inappropriate content or harmful behaviour.

Netiquette

The rules of polite and respectful behaviour when communicating with others online, such as using kind words and thinking before you post.

What might happen if you use the same simple password for every website?

If a hacker discovers your password for one site, they could gain access to all your other accounts, compromising your security.

Explain why it is important to think before you click or share content.

Once content is shared, it can be copied and spread instantly, becoming part of your permanent digital footprint which is difficult to delete.

Justify why you should never share your location in real-time on social platforms.

Sharing your real-time location could allow strangers to know exactly where you are, which poses a significant safety risk to your physical wellbeing.

Compare and contrast: How does talking to a friend face-to-face differ from messaging online?

Face-to-face allows you to see body language and hear tone of voice, which helps prevent misunderstandings; online, these cues are missing, making it easier for messages to be misinterpreted.