

Kit's Digital Detective: My E-Safety Strategy

Learning objective: To identify the importance of keeping personal information private and recognize how to respond safely to online situations.

Kit the fox needs your help to build a secure digital footprint. Read each scenario carefully and use your best judgement to explain how to stay safe. Remember to think like a computing expert—if you are ever unsure about an online message or request, always talk to a trusted adult.

Word bank: Personal information · Password · Trusted adult · Cyberbullying · Digital footprint · Privacy settings · Secure · Report

1. Define 'personal information'. Why is it vital to keep your full name, home address, and school name private when online? (3 marks)

2. Imagine a stranger sends you a message asking for your favorite game's password. Justify why you should never share this, even if they seem friendly. (3 marks)

3. Explain why it is important to have a 'trusted adult' in your life who you can talk to about your online activity. What might happen if you keep an online worry to yourself? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How is your digital footprint similar to your physical footprints in the sand? How does what you mail today affect your future? (4 marks)

5. A friend sends you a message that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. Describe the specific steps you would take to report and block this content. (3 marks)

6. What might happen if everyone on the internet shared their private passwords and contact details? What does this tell us about the purpose of privacy settings? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Digital Safety Poster' for your classroom. Create a catchy slogan and three golden rules for staying safe online. Think about how you can use persuasive language to convince your peers that protecting their identity is the most important part of being a digital citizen.