

Kit's Digital Safety Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify the risks of communicating online and describe how to use the internet safely, respectfully, and responsibly.

Kit the Fox has been investigating how to stay safe in the digital world. Use this fact-file to organize your knowledge about online behavior. Think carefully about how to protect your personal information and how to respond if something online makes you feel uncomfortable.

Word bank: Digital footprint · Privacy · Cyber-bullying · Password · Personal information · Trustworthy · Reporting · Respectful

1. The Golden Rule: Explain why it is vital to keep personal information, such as your full name, home address, and school name, private when using the internet. (3 marks)

2. Password Protection: Compare and contrast a 'weak' password with a 'strong' password. Why does the complexity of a password impact your digital security? (3 marks)

3. Digital Kindness: Justify why it is important to be as respectful to others online as you are when speaking to them face-to-face. (2 marks)

4. Taking Action: What might happen if you encounter something online that makes you feel worried or upset? Describe the steps you should take. (3 marks)

5. Defining Trust: How can you determine if a website or an online source is trustworthy and reliable? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

6. Creative Reflection: If you could invent one new rule for the 'Online Code of Conduct', what would it be and why would it make the internet a better place for children? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a digital safety guide for younger students. Create a persuasive poster that explains the concept of a 'digital footprint' using a metaphor, such as footprints in the sand or a paper trail. Explain why our actions today leave a lasting impression on our future online identity.