

Kit's Guide to Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: To understand how to navigate the internet safely, recognise potential risks, and know how to report concerns.

Use this scaffold to write a persuasive guide for your peers. Explain the importance of digital citizenship, focusing on personal data protection and respectful communication.

In our increasingly connected world, Kit the fox suggests that the internet is a fantastic tool for discovery, provided we use it with caution and care.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · digital footprint · cyberbullying · confidentiality · in contrast · privacy settings · unauthorised access · reputable source · nevertheless

1. The Importance of Privacy: Explain why sharing personal information online can be dangerous. Start your paragraph with: Protecting your digital identity is vital because... (3 marks)

2. Recognising Risks: Describe what a 'digital footprint' is and why it matters for your future. Start with: Every interaction you have online leaves a lasting trace, known as a digital footprint... (3 marks)

3. Kindness in Communication: Justify why it is essential to treat others with respect online, even when you disagree. Start with: Communicating online requires the same empathy we show in person because... (3 marks)

4. Seeking Help: What steps should you take if you encounter something online that makes you feel uncomfortable? Start with: If you ever feel unsafe or uneasy, it is imperative to... (2 marks)

5. Analysing Sources: Compare and contrast how you might verify if a website is a reputable source of information. Start with: To determine if a website is trustworthy, one must investigate... (3 marks)

6. Future Considerations: What might happen if people stopped following internet safety rules? Start with: If digital safety protocols were ignored, the consequences could include... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Digital Safety Poster' aimed at Year 3 pupils. Your design must be clear, engaging, and feature a 'Golden Rule' for online behaviour. Justify your choice of symbols and colours used to convey your message effectively.