

Digital Detectives: Mastering Online Safety

Learning objective: To understand how to navigate the internet safely, recognise potential risks, and identify trusted adults for support.

Read each question carefully and consider how you would react in a digital situation. Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about staying secure and kind online.

Digital Footprint

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

What is 'Personal Information' and why must it be kept private?

Details like your full name, home address, school name, or phone number. Sharing these puts your safety and identity at risk.

Cyberbullying

Using digital devices or social platforms to intentionally hurt, upset, or exclude someone repeatedly.

What is a 'Trusted Adult'?

A responsible person, such as a parent, carer, or teacher, whom you can talk to honestly if something online makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

Phishing

A deceptive attempt to trick someone into revealing sensitive information, often by pretending to be a trustworthy source in an email or message.

Why should you use a strong, unique password?

To prevent unauthorised people from accessing your accounts. A strong password includes a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols.

Netiquette

The set of rules and expected behaviour for communicating politely and respectfully in an online environment.

Privacy Settings

Controls on apps or websites that allow you to decide who can see your profile, posts, and contact you.

How do you 'Report' and 'Block' effectively?

Use the built-in safety tools on a platform to notify moderators about harmful behaviour and prevent a specific user from interacting with you again.

What does it mean to be a 'Critical Thinker' online?

To question the truthfulness of what you see, read, or hear online, rather than assuming everything is factually accurate or harmless.

If you see something that makes you feel sad, scared, or confused, what is the best first step?

Disconnect from the device and immediately tell a trusted adult what you have seen.

Why is it important to consider the 'human' behind the screen?

Because online text lacks tone and facial expressions, we must ensure our communication is kind and empathetic, just as it would be face-to-face.