Staying Safe in the Digital World: A Guide by Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To understand the risks of online communication and identify strategies to stay safe and respectful online.

Use this writing frame to create your own 'Online Safety Code'. Follow the prompts below to explain how to keep yourself and your friends safe when using computers, tablets, or gaming devices. Refer to Kit the Fox's advice as you write.

In our modern world, the internet provides us with wonderful opportunities to learn and connect, but we must always remember to navigate it with care and caution.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · on the other hand · in addition · private information · digital footprint · respectful · trusted adult · secure · cyberbullying

1. Introduction: Why is it important to have rules for staying safe online? Start your paragraph with: 'The internet is a powerful tool, but it is essential to follow safety guidelines because...' (2 marks)

2. Personal Privacy: What information should you keep private and why? Start your paragraph with: 'One of the most important rules is never to share personal details such as...' (3 marks)

3. Kindness Online: How should we treat others in digital spaces? Start your paragraph with: 'Being kind online is just as important as being kind in the classroom; we can do this by...' (3 marks)

4. Seeking Help: What should you do if you see something that makes you feel worried or uncomfortable? Start your paragraph with: 'If I ever come across something online that makes me feel unsafe, I will immediately...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: How can you encourage your friends to be safe digital citizens? Start your paragraph with: 'To conclude, we can all make the internet a better place by...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a colourful poster featuring Kit the Fox that displays your top three 'Golden Rules' for staying safe online. Think about how you can make these rules easy for younger children to understand.