Kit’s Digital Detective Mission

1. Your favourite colour. (1 mark)

Working: Home address and school name are private information that could identify the child.

Award 1 mark for the correct selection.

2. Passwords must be secret so strangers cannot access your accounts and so they cannot pretend to be you. (2 marks)

Look for: Mention of preventing unauthorised access and protecting identity/privacy.

Good: So people don't steal your account.

Better: Because strangers might log in and change your settings or pretend to be you.

Best: Passwords keep your private information safe from strangers who might use your account to send messages or steal your data.

What moves an answer up: Moving from a simple statement to explaining the consequence of the action improves the answer.

3. Do not tell them and tell a trusted adult immediately. (2 marks)

Look for: Refusal to share information and reporting to an adult.

Good: Don't tell them where you live.

Better: I would say no and tell my teacher or parent because it is not safe to talk to strangers.

Best: I would not reply to the stranger and I would tell a trusted adult immediately because my home address is private information.

What moves an answer up: Including the action of reporting to an adult makes the answer safer and more complete.

4. 1. Parent/Guardian, 2. Teacher, 3. Grandparent/Aunt/Uncle. (3 marks)

Working: Any three adults the child relies on for care and guidance.

Award 1 mark for each valid example of a trusted adult.

5. False. You should never give out private information like a phone number, even for a prize. (2 marks)

Look for: Identification of the statement as false and the reason (privacy/safety).

Good: False, it is not safe.

Better: False, because you should not give your phone number to websites for toys.

Best: False. A website asking for your phone number is trying to get your private information, which is not safe.

What moves an answer up: Explaining the motive behind the website's request shows a deeper understanding of online risks.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates that the child understands the difference between public interests (like colours) and private data (like addresses). They should consistently link safety to reporting concerns to an adult.

If your child is stuck

Ask your child: 'If a stranger in the park asked for your home address, would you tell them? Why is the internet the same?'

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often think that if a website looks fun or offers a reward, it must be safe. They may also struggle to define 'private information' beyond just passwords.