The Digital Explorer's Safety Challenge

1. C) Your home address (1 mark)

Working: Personal data includes information that identifies you, such as your address, school, or phone number.

Award 1 mark for selecting C.

2. False (1 mark)

Working: You should save the evidence (e.g., a screenshot) and show it to a trusted adult rather than just deleting it.

Award 1 mark for False.

3. B) The record of everything you do online (1 mark)

Working: A digital footprint is the trail of data you leave behind when using the internet.

Award 1 mark for selecting B.

4. A) Tell a trusted adult immediately (1 mark)

Working: Seeking help from a parent, teacher, or guardian is the safest way to handle uncomfortable online situations.

Award 1 mark for selecting A.

5. False (1 mark)

Working: You should never meet someone in person whom you have only met online, regardless of how long you have chatted.

Award 1 mark for False.

6. False (1 mark)

Working: Information shared online can be copied, screenshotted, or saved by others, making it difficult to truly remove.

Award 1 mark for False.

7. Report (1 mark)

Working: The report button allows users to flag inappropriate content to the platform moderators.

Award 1 mark for the word 'Report'.

8. B) A trick to get you to reveal personal information (1 mark)

Working: Phishing often involves fake emails or messages designed to steal passwords or data.

Award 1 mark for selecting B.

9. Privacy settings (1 mark)

Working: Privacy settings allow users to restrict who can view their profile and content.

Award 1 mark for 'Privacy settings'.

10. True (1 mark)

Working: Online interactions should always be respectful, just like face-to-face communication.

Award 1 mark for True.

11. Extension: Design three 'Golden Rules'. (3 marks)

Look for: Rules that promote kindness, privacy, and seeking help.

Good: 1. Be nice to people. 2. Don't share your address. 3. Tell an adult if you are worried.

Better: 1. Always be kind to others in the chat. 2. Keep your personal data private. 3. If something feels wrong, tell a teacher or parent immediately.

Best: 1. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, just as you would in the playground. 2. Protect your digital footprint by keeping personal data private. 3. If you encounter something upsetting, do not reply; save the evidence and report it to a trusted adult.

What moves an answer up: Moving from good to best involves adding specific context, using technical vocabulary like 'digital footprint', and explaining the 'why' behind the action.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding that online safety relies on both technical precautions (privacy settings) and social responsibility (kindness and reporting).

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to imagine they are explaining these rules to a younger sibling or a friend who is new to using the internet.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often believe that deleting a message removes it from the internet entirely, or that they should handle online conflict alone to avoid 'getting in trouble'.