Digital Detectives: Mastering Internet Safety

Learning objective: I can identify key risks online and apply strategies to stay safe and respectful in a digital world.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Sit with your child to discuss these cards and share your own experiences of staying safe online.

Read the term on the front of the flashcard. Try to define it or explain the safety rule before looking at the answer on the back. Example: Card: Phishing | Answer: A scam where criminals send fake emails to trick you into sharing passwords or personal information.

What is a strong password?

A combination of at least 12 characters, including upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols that is not easy to guess.

What is meant by 'Personal Data'?

Information that identifies you, such as your full name, home address, school name, phone number, or email address.

What should you do if someone online makes you feel uncomfortable or worried?

Stop talking to them, close the window, and tell a trusted adult immediately.

What is a 'Digital Footprint'?

The permanent record of your online activities, posts, and photos that can be seen by others even after you delete them.

What is cyberbullying?

Using digital devices or the internet to send mean, hurtful, or threatening messages to upset someone.

Why should you never share your location on social media or in games?

Because it allows strangers to know exactly where you are in the real world, which is a safety risk.

What does it mean to 'block' a user?

Using platform settings to prevent a specific person from contacting you or seeing your content.

Why should you be careful when clicking links in emails or messages?

Links can lead to harmful websites or download viruses onto your computer or tablet.

What is a 'trusted adult'?

A parent, carer, or teacher who you can talk to honestly if something happens online that makes you feel uneasy.

True or False: Everything you read on the internet is true.

False. Always check information with a reliable source, as anyone can post anything online.

What is a secure website?

A website that uses encryption to protect your data, usually shown by a padlock icon in the address bar.

How can you report bad behaviour online?

Use the 'report' or 'flag' button provided by the app, website, or game, and tell an adult.