The Digital Explorer's Safety Challenge

1. C) Blue-Fox-Oak-7* (1 mark)

Working: Strong passwords use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols, and are not easily guessed.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

2. False (1 mark)

Working: If something makes you feel uncomfortable, you should always tell a trusted adult.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

3. B) Information that identifies you, like your home address or school. (1 mark)

Working: Personal data is any information that could be used to identify a specific individual.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

4. A) Ignore and delete it. (1 mark)

Working: You should never accept requests from people you do not know in real life.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

5. C) Treating others with kindness and respect. (1 mark)

Working: Digital citizenship is about behaving responsibly and kindly online.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

6. False (1 mark)

Working: Anyone can post information online, so it is important to check if sources are reliable.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

7. B) Because it reveals where you are to strangers. (1 mark)

Working: Sharing your location can compromise your physical safety.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

8. True (1 mark)

Working: Once something is online, it can be copied, screenshotted, or shared, making it hard to remove.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

9. C) Do not participate and tell a trusted adult. (1 mark)

Working: Engaging with or spreading unkind behaviour makes the situation worse.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

10. 1. Do not reply to the message. 2. Tell a trusted adult immediately. (2 marks)

Look for: The answer must include not engaging with the stranger and seeking help from an adult.

Good: Don't reply and tell your mum or dad.

Better: You should not reply to the stranger because it is dangerous, and tell a trusted adult so they can help you.

Best: First, do not reply to the message to avoid further contact. Second, tell a trusted adult immediately so they can report the user and keep you safe.

What moves an answer up: Moving up levels requires explaining the 'why' behind the action and identifying the specific role of a trusted adult.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding that online safety relies on privacy, critical thinking, and seeking help from adults. Students should recognise that digital actions have real-world consequences.

If your child is stuck

Ask your child: 'If a stranger walked up to you in the park and asked for your phone number, what would you do?' Then explain that the internet is just like a public park.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often think that 'privacy settings' make them 100% invisible, or that deleting a post removes it from the internet forever.