Keeping Your Child Safe Online

The internet has changed all our lives, particularly our children's. For parents this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. Below are a few simple tips to make sure your child stays safe online.

- Put yourself in charge. Install parental controls.
- Explore together. Be part of their online life. Ask them to tell you what sites they like.
- Put the computer in a communal area so that you can share their enjoyment.
- Use passwords. Then you will know when your child is accessing the internet.
- Agree boundaries and rules. Be clear about what they can and can't do online. Monitor and control how much time they spend online.
- Help them learn. You can choose safe, fun and educational sites that you will be confident about them exploring.
- Check the age ratings on games, apps, films etc. Make sure they are suitable for your child.
- Educate yourself by reading up on technologies such as mobile phones, tablets etc.

The children use Kiddle website in school www.kiddle.co.uk. This is a safe website for the children to use and reflects the work done in school. See the school website for more advice.

Start to introduce the subject of internet safety as soon as your child starts to use any internet-connected device. You and your child can then enjoy the internet safely together.