

SSA Internet Safety Guide

Remote learning and completing homework online are now part of our student's everyday life at South Shore Academy. It is more important than ever to make sure we know how to stay safe online.

Below are some simple E Safety tips.

For more information on how to stay safe online and where to get help and support you can view our assembly on E safety.

INTERNET SAFETY

The Internet is a huge source of information and means of communication. However, not all of the information or people online are trustworthy.

Safe

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Ensure personal information and passwords are kept private.

Do not put any of your contact details online and always check your privacy settings on social networking websites.

Never use your real name for your username, and ensure passwords are difficult to guess.



Meet

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Never meet with an online friend in person, even if you think you know that person well.

Meeting someone from a chat room or social networking website could be dangerous. Online friends are still strangers and may not be who they say they are.



Accept

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Do not accept emails, instant messages and friend requests from people you do not know.

Messages may contain viruses or unpleasant information and images. Also, remember that 'friends' on social and gaming networks can see and share what you post. Do you want strangers to see everything that you post?



Reliable

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Not all of the information or people online are reliable. There is a lot of false information.

Always check that the information is correct and use reputable sources. Also, some people post false information or use false identities online to cause harm and trick people.

Try to limit your friends to 'real' friends.



Tell

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Tell a trusted adult if anything online makes you feel uncomfortable.

Many chat rooms and social networking websites have support email addresses or alert buttons that enable users to report inappropriate behaviour, including bullying.

You can log off if you are uncomfortable or suspicious of anything.

REPORT ABUSE

Be careful what you share online!

Anything you post online or send in an email, such as a photo or message, can be copied or shared by anyone who can see it.

