Some simple rules to keep your child safe

Here are some simple rules to help your child stay safe online. It is a good idea to discuss these with your child and help them to understand how important they are. To stay safe they should:

- Always ask permission before using the internet and discuss what sites they are using.
- Use websites you have chosen together or a child friendly search engine.
- Only email people they know. Help them to set up an address book.
- Ask permission before opening an email from someone they don't know.
- Create a nickname to use for games and websites and do not use their real name.
- Never give out any personal information about themselves, friends or family online including home address, phone or mobile number.
- Never arrange to meet someone they have 'met' on the internet without talking to a trusted adult first. Always take an adult and meet in a public place.
- Never tell someone they don't know where they go to school or post any pictures of themselves in school uniform.
- Only use webcams including Facetime and Skype, with people they know.
- Tell someone immediately if they see or receive anything that makes them unhappy.
- Familiarise your child with the CEOP safety button which features on most online sites used by young people. If you are worried about anything suspicious online—as a parent or a child—click on the red CEOP button to report it.

Using these rules

Read the rules together with your child and keep them near to your computer. It is a good idea to regularly check the internet sites your child is visiting by clicking on the History and Favourites icons. Reassure your child that the rules are just to help them keep safe and not to take away their internet access.

Encourage your child from an early age to share their online experiences with you.

Some useful websites

For further e-safety information:

CEOP	www.ceop.gov.uk
Think u Know	www.thinkuknow.co.uk
Childnet	www.childnet-int.org/

Here are two child friendly search engines:

CBBC Search
https://swiggle.org.uk/
http://www.kidrex.org/

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Children, Computing and Online-Safety

Children today live in a world where Information and Communication Technology (Computing) has become one of their main methods of learning and communication both in school and in their homes.

We hope this guide will help to explain to you:

- How your children use Computing in school.
- How using Computing in the home can help them to learn.
- How they can use the Internet safely at home.
- Where to find more information.

Information for our families

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How your child uses Computing at St Wilfrid's

Computing is taught at St Wilfrid's both as a lesson in its own rights and to support learning in all other areas of the curriculum. Children are taught from a very early age to work independently on the computers and use other technologies such as Ipads, Flip Videos, & digital cameras. The children learn key Computing skills using Microsoft Office programs - Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint and Windows Movie Maker. They also experience a wide selection of other programs including Adobe Photoshop. Computer Science and coding is taught across the school using mainly free and readily available software including Scratch, Purple Mash, J2Easy and Sketch Up.

During their time at St Wilfrids children will learn to use a wide range of Computing including:

Computer Science	coding, controlling, understanding how computers work
Word Processing	write stories, poems, letters.
Databases	to record information
Spreadsheets	to create tables, charts and graphs
Desktop Publishing	to design posters, leaflets, cards
Multimedia Presentations	to produce slideshows on topics of their choice
Art programs	to create pictures and designs
Internet	to find information
Email	to contact other schools in the UK and beyond
Digital Cameras/Videos	to record class visits and good work
Electronic sensors	to record changes in light, sound and temperature
Programmable robots	to give instructions and make things happen
Simulations	to explore real and imaginary situations
IPads	to support their learning

How you can help your child at home

Computing is not just computers. It also includes using remote control toys, digital cameras, MP3's, gaming devices such as Nintendo DS, Playstations and Xboxes and even the DVD player.

You can help your child to develop their Computing skills at home in lots of ways. You can help them to:

- Write a letter
- Send an email
- Draw a picture
- Research a class topic
- Plan a route for a remote control toy
- Use interactive games.

Please remember computer games have age restrictions and these are given to protect your child.

Benefits of using Computing at home

There have been lots of studies looking at the benefits of having access to a computer and the Internet at home. It has been found that:

- Used effectively Computing can improve children's achievement.
- Using Computing at home and at school develops a child's skills for life.
- Children with supportive and involved families generally do better at school.
- Children enjoy using Computing
- Using Computing gives access to a wider and more flexible range of learning materials.

How learning at home with Computing benefits children.

Home use of Computing by children:

- Improves their Computing skills.
- Offers them choices in what they learn and how they learn it.
- Supports homework
- Improves the presentation of their work
- Connects learning school with learning at home
- Makes learning more fun

All of this can lead to better performance at school and improved standards of work.

Using the internet safely at home

Whilst many Internet Service Providers offer filtering systems and tools to help you safeguard your child at home, it remains surprisingly easy for children to access inappropriate material including unsuitable text, pictures and movies. Parents are advised to set the security levels within their internet browsers with this in mind. It is also a good idea to locate the computer in a family area where possible, not a bedroom, which will enable you to closely supervise your child as they access the internet. As internet access has become more portable on phones and tablets this is harder to achieve.

Many children visit social networking sites such as Facebook and Instagram.
Please note: these sites have a minimum user age of 13 but are frequently used by children much younger. Chatting is also widely available via gaming consoles and mobile phones. It is a good idea to monitor your child's use of such technologies.

The internet offers a wide variety of very good learning material and games and when used safely is a wonderful resource to help your child's learning.