









Castle Tower School e-Safety Guidance

As we are all aware, we live in a world in which computers and mobile technology play a very large part in young people's lives. As a school we want to make sure that you are aware of e-safety risks and issues. E-safety is short for electronic safety. It covers not only Internet technologies but also electronic communications via mobile phones, games consoles and wireless technology.

Some parents may underestimate how often children and young people come across potentially harmful and inappropriate material on the internet and may be unsure about how to respond.

The school will therefore seek to provide information to parents and carers of how to protect their child in this area. This information will be provided in different formats such as:

-  e-safety policy
-  Curriculum activities
-  Letters to parents
-  Parents / Carers evenings
-  High profile events to raise awareness eg Safer Internet Day
-  Reference to the relevant web sites, publications etc

e-Safety in our school aims to:

- Safeguard children and young people in the digital world
- Promote an understanding and use of new technologies in a positive way
- Focus on education about the risks as well as the benefits of technology so that pupils feel confident online
- Support pupils to develop safer online behaviours both in and out of school
- Help pupils recognise unsafe situations and how to respond to risks appropriately

Mobile phones

If pupils bring mobile phones/devices into school they must be used responsibly at all times. Devices must be turned off during lessons and other designated times. If pupils do not abide by the responsible use of mobile phones they will be confiscated and given to the Principal. Parents/carers will then be asked to collect them from the school office at their earliest convenience.

The e-safety policy will be distributed to all parents/carers later this term. You may find the attached brochure and the following web sites useful.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/

www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/