



ONLINE SAFETY

Tips for children to help them stay safe online

Here are some key steps to ensure that you Safeguard yourself online:

- **Think before you post**—don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, carers, teachers or future employers seeing. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it
- **Don't share personal details**—keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you
- **Watch out for phishing and scams**—phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead
- **Think about who you're talking to**—there are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them like your address, full name, or where you go to school
- **Keep your device secure**—make sure that you're keeping your information and device secure (use anti-virus and anti-malware protection)
- **Never give out your password**—you should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember passwords (use a mixture of upper and lower case letter, symbols and numbers)
- **Cover your webcam**—some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you're not using it

If you have any questions relating to accessing online or blending learning or associated technical issues (including username or password resets) please use the following link:

<https://www.redhill.dudley.sch.uk/ict-support-page>