

E-Safety at Orchard Academy

At Orchard Academy we strive to educate the whole child and provide the necessary skills for continued life-long learning. This includes our children's use of modern technologies, and despite their age, we aim to ensure our children leave us as responsible digital citizens and users of technology in a changing modern world.

We do this by striving to protect and educate our pupils, parents and staff in their use and understanding of technology and our commitment to engage with e-safety is our achievement of the 360 degree safe certificate of Commitment. This reflects our efforts in reviewing our e-safety practice and working to implement actions that will improve e-safety in our school. This leaflet forms part of that effort and we hope you find it useful.

All staff discuss E-safety throughout the year with the children and we post regular updates on our E-safety page of the school website.

If you have concerns or wish to discuss any E-safety concerns with somebody in school, then please contact our E-safety leads who will be happy to help you.

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What do we do at Orchard Academy to promote E-safety?

- Lockdown has led to children spending more time online and we are aware there has been an increase in online related issues. We will begin our lessons in September by re-establishing safe internet use.
- We promote E-safety through our Computer Safety and Acceptable Use Policy, ratified by our Governors.
- All children sign our E-safety code of conduct and these are displayed in every classroom.
- We provide parent training to support parents at home. These sessions are delivered by Thames Valley police.
- Our Safer Internet Day (February 9th 2021) teaches children about staying safe with technology.
- We discuss E-safety in assemblies throughout the year and address issues as they are raised.
- All reported incidents are investigated and dealt with by our E-safety leads.
- All computers are installed with monitoring software, which allows all computer usage to be monitored by the school. Inappropriate searches are recorded and automatically reported to the SLT.
- We provide a list of useful websites on our website, supporting parents and children in learning about E-safety. See the 'E-safety page under the 'Parents tab on our website to explore these.

What can you do at home to promote E-safety?

- Ensure your child has access to appropriate internet content - for example, Facebook is for children of 13 and older.
- Visit the E-Safety websites available through the Academy website.
- Teach your child strategies to deal with issues - this might be as simple as questioning an alert on a computer with adults.
- Encourage your child to only share their personal information with people they know in real life. Teach them the risks and dangers of sharing information like this.
- Consider where you place your computer, allowing you to keep an eye on content and time spent with technology.
- Consider using filtering software to block unwanted content. In addition to filtering, remember that discussion with your child, and involvement in their internet use, are both effective ways to educate them about the internet.
- If your child is being bullied online, save all available evidence and know where to report the incident, for example to the school, service provider, or the police if the law has been broken.

Speak to us if you ever have any concerns or would like any advice.

Where can you find help and support?

We have a dedicated E-safety section on our school website, where you can find videos and guidance on setting up parental controls and social media guidance. We update this regularly with new information and advice.

www.orchard.emat.uk/960/e-safety

www.net-aware.org.uk



www.parentalcontrols-on.org



www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre



www.thinkuknow.co.uk



www.parentinfo.org



www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

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