Where to go for more information

Contact the academy

If you have any questions or concerns about e-safety and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

See our policies

You will find more details about e-safety in our safeguarding policy, available on our website.

We also have a service for pupils to contact us with any concerns about e-safety, cyber bullying etc: **SafetyNet@delacyacademy.org.uk**

External sources

The following sources may also be useful for further information:

The school 'Designated Person' and/or e-Safety Officer: 01977622850

Pupils can contact us with concerns: **SafetyNet@delacyacademy.org.uk**

Childline (0800 1111)
Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
Thinkuknow.co.uk
CyberMentors.org.uk
Internet Watch Foundation (iwf.org.uk)
GetSafeOnline.org

De Lacy Academy
E-Safety

What is the E-Safety?

Children of today are increasingly using Information &Communication Technology (ICT) in schools and in the home. Therefore it is important that we ensure they use it safely and are aware of any risks. While young people's 'offline' and 'online' worlds are often merging, the behaviours and safeguards of the 'real' world are not always applied in a 'virtual' world where friends can be added at the click of button and information shared in an instant.

How does the e-safety apply to our school?

De Lacy Academy is committed to using technology to enhance the learning experience of its students. It is therefore committed to ensuring the safety, of all stakeholders within the school by providing structures, systems and processes to deal with the many, changing issues that may arise.

We take the safety of our pupils in all aspects of their life very seriously. Within that remit we are committed to educating our young people to be safe internet users and in supporting parents with this very important skill at home too.

In school we have an internet safety code of conduct that all pupils and staff are expected to adhere too. We have strong and constantly updated filters in place to protect and govern internet use.

How can I keep my child safe at home?

Talk to your child about who they're talking to online and encourage them to think before talking to people they don't know in person. Encourage them also to think about what sort of information they might be sharing.
Try to understand and guide your child's online behaviour - negotiate and establish boundaries and discuss sensitively the issues around concepts such as 'friendship'. Familiarise yourself with any programmes or websites your child uses.
Use parental control software provided by your internet service provider, mobile phone network, online content provider or games console and consider using filtering options, monitoring and setting time limits for access to chat...but don't forget these don't block or flag up everything!

If you discover misconduct between your child and someone online stay calm, investigate the facts and seek expert help if needed.

If appropriate, as part of a wider discussion about sex and relationships, cover how people may use the internet to explore their sexuality, their ability to exploit and even harm others, etc.

Ask your child if they know how to block or report some-one who they don't want to talk to. If they don't, help them to learn how to use the blocking feature.

Parents are advised to set the security levels within Internet Explorer or other browsers with this in mind. Locating the computer in a family area where possible, not a bedroom will enable you to supervise your son or daughter as they use the Internet. Also consider mobile phones and games consoles and other devices that can access the internet. However, don't deny them the opportunity to learn from and enjoy the wide variety of material and games available on the Internet. Instead discuss with them some simple rules for keeping safe online and making sure they understand their importance.

If you are concerned about your child's safety please do come and speak to your child's class teacher in school. IF you are worried that a crime has taken place online involving your child then you can also report it to CEOP.police.uk

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KEY TERMS

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Content: harm that can arise from exposure to age inappropriate, distasteful or illegal content
Conduct: harm that can arise from how young people behave online
Contact: harm that can arise from interactions with other individuals online
A fourth category **'Commerce'** is also sometimes added. This reflects the concerns that some have about the exposure of children to messages of a sexual and commercial nature.

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