E-safety

The internet is great! Games, chat rooms, finding out information! We want you to be completely safe when using the internet so that you enjoy and use it properly. Safety on the internet is called E-safety - the E stands for Electronic!

E-Safety Top Tips for Parents

1. Keep the computer in a family area not in the child's bedroom.
2. Use 'child lock' or filter settings on your Web browser to help prevent unsuitable site access by your child.
3. Regularly supervise the sites your child is visiting.
4. Encourage your child to use their Favourites list to access the sites you have approved to prevent accidental entry to unsuitable sites.
5. Discourage your child from using social Networking sites e.g. MSN, Facebook, Bebo etc. to keep them safe from cyber bullying.
6. Teach your child to switch the monitor off or close the laptop lid, then fetch or tell you if something unsuitable appears on the screen. This is what we would do in school.
7. Agree with older children what sites they are allowed to access.
8. Keep all personal details private and be aware of stranger danger.
9. Above all, encourage your child to talk to you about the web sites and electronic devices they are using at home and school.

Social Networking
One of the fastest growing areas of internet use today is social networking. There are over 3,000 social networking sites on the internet. This is changing the way that we communicate. On most of these sites, it is incredibly easy to communicate with our friends, in many cases, sharing lots of personal information and photographs.

These three common social network sites all have age limits:

- Facebook and Bebo set their age limit at 13.
- MySpace set their limit at 14.

E-Safety Top Tips for children:

There are some things to remember when you are surfing the internet.

1. Treat your password like your toothbrush - keep it to yourself!

2. Keep your home address, your phone number or email address off the internet, MSN and chat rooms.
3. Learn to report someone who is behaving badly.
4. Save the evidence - learn to save emails or on-line conversations.
5. Don't retaliate or reply.
6. Always respect others - think carefully about what you are typing.
7. Tell someone you trust if you see something that worries or upsets you.
8. Remember what you have learned in school - use that at home.

Uffculme Primary School is committed to provide our pupils with the knowledge to stay safe online. The following sites may also help you, as parents, to reinforce this knowledge at home.

The government's online safety advice. Provides information and videos for children and parents. Reports of inappropriate online behaviour can be made through this site. There is a link directly on our website this this resource.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk
Provides information for children and parents.

http://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary
Online resources promoting e-safety (for children and adults).

http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/
E-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.

http://www.pegi.info/
Information on the age restrictions applied to entertainment content.