

E-safety policy

Ghars International School





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What is e-safety?

E-safety, or electronic safety, are the guiding principles that teach us how to be safe when using the internet. This includes using a computer, mobile phone, tablet or any device.

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What are the dangers?

The internet at its heart is a tool for connection.

- Connecting friends and family
- Connecting ideas with understanding
- Connecting knowledge with research

Whilst we celebrate the potential of the internet, we must also recognise it's capacity for danger. Anonymity hides a number of sins and the misuse of the internet is well documented. E-crimes are now legally pursued and prosecuted. Nevertheless, cyber-bullying and online grooming still happens. So how do we raise children in such an environment? Ghars International School upholds a strict e-safety policy that we teach children to uphold when using any device connected to the internet. It is our aim to educate young children to learn how to be wise when using the internet.

What is our policy?

- ✓ We do not, at any time, advise or allow children to enter chat rooms.
- ✓ We ensure that children do not use the internet unsupervised at any time, and we strongly advise parents to do the same.
- ✓ Social media is not for small children. We do not allow social media websites in the school and once again, we advise parents to do the same. A polite reminder: Facebook policy dictates an account can only be activated for young people 13+, under their real name.
- ✓ Use of the internet is for educational purposes only inside the school, and must be documented in the planning stage. All staff must check each website, watching any video to the end, or checking for inappropriate advertisements, before allowing the children to view the website.
- ✓ We follow the UK based 'Click Clever, Click Safe' code. We teach children:

For further information on the 'Click Clever, Click Safe' code, please search on http://www.childalert.co.uk/article.php?articles_id=26