



PROTECT your child

Filtering software

Dear Parents,

Today a member of our staff visited the school to give a short presentation to your child/children. The purpose of the visit was to firstly, help children understand the different types of dangers online, and secondly, make children more aware of what they can do to keep themselves safe.

The Internet is a fantastic tool for learning, entertainment and communication, but with online dangers existing today, it is vital that we take the necessary precautions to keep children safe.

We have provided this fact sheet to give parents a helping hand. For detailed descriptions on tips, facts and other information we have dedicated a page on our website; www.certsys.co.uk (follow link under the 'Newspage' heading.)

Top 10 Tips for Parents...

1. Place PC in open view – Not behind closed doors.
2. Be interested – talk with your child and know what they are looking at.
3. Learn about the Internet – if your child knows more than you do, let them be your guide.
4. Make sure your child is aware of Internet dangers.
5. Set limits like you would on the time they spend in front of the television.
6. Work out the limits and get your child to agree before they go online.
7. Install filtering software to block inappropriate websites.
8. Close access to questionable resources like newsgroups or chat rooms.
9. Keep logs available, don't allow them to be erased and if they are investigate why.
10. Apply the same rules you always did;
 - Do NOT talk to strangers
 - Call your parents when in trouble
 - NEVER give out personal details

It is important that you evaluate products after considering what you want them to do. The following are three different factors to consider;

Monitoring your children's activities online.

Restricting their access to only those areas of the Internet which you or someone else approves of.

Blocking access to areas which you or someone else has decided is inappropriate.

Software currently out on the market....

Symantec	Cyber Sentinel
CyberSitter	FilterPak
ContentProtect	Net Nanny
Cyber Patrol	McAfee

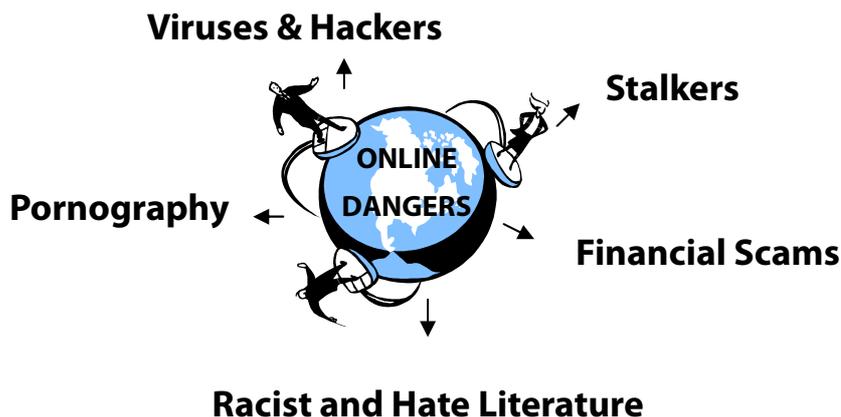
For more information & advice please visit our website or call us on 01474 327 447.

Remember: You cannot spend all your time supervising children and there are many safe chat rooms and websites that they can use.

It is better to educate children of the dangers instead of banning them from using the Internet.

The Internet is becoming more and more available and children can easily take advantage without their parents knowing.

Always make your child feel that they can come and speak to you when they feel they are in danger.



Frequently Asked Questions:

What can I do to keep my child safe?

As parents, you can make a huge difference by talking to your children about their Internet use. Make them aware of the dangers and make sure they understand the implications of what could happen.

What if I don't know much about the Internet?

Your continued involvement is the best way of keeping your child safe. You do not need to know everything about technology, instead apply everyday parenting skills. You can always contact your service provider.

How do children make friends online?

It is easy to meet people and have conversations online. One of the most popular ways for children to communicate with others is through chat rooms, which allow you to have live conversations. Some chat rooms allow you to mix text based chatting with video and voice, using webcam and microphone.

What's the harm in making online friends?

It is vital that no personal information including pictures is given. Everyone online should be considered as strangers even though your child may consider them as a 'friend'. Most adults who want to exploit children might be using other identities to build trust in children and then persuade them to do inappropriate things or meet up with them.

What if they hear something unpleasant?

Chat rooms usually offer the option to block messages from other users. Another option is to report any abusive behaviour by clicking an on-screen 'report button' or by phoning their customer services. Or your child could always leave the chat room.

Want to know more?

Electronic versions of this fact sheet and other detailed information can be found on our website (www.certsys.co.uk) Please follow the link under the Newspaper heading.

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What you need to know about mobile phones...



Almost five million British children, some as young as five years old, will own a mobile phone by the end of this year. Are you up to date with the newest mobile technology?

You can use some mobiles to visit websites, including chat rooms.

Some of them are a bit like having a portable PC; therefore giving you 24/7 access to the Internet at your finger tips.

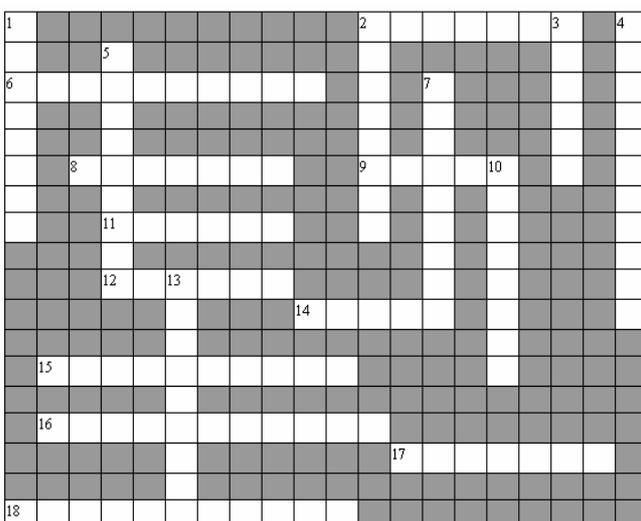
The newest mobile phones let you take photos, make mini film clips and send them via email.

Mobile phones with bluetooth are open to security issues which can lead to disclosure of personal data.

Signing up to text alert offers, can add considerable costs to your phone bill.

It is important you as parents educate your children on how to be responsible whilst using a mobile phone. Children need to think carefully before they send images of themselves or friends to others using a mobile phone. Digital images can be easily manipulated, put onto a website and sent to millions of people at the click of a button.

CROSSWORD



Across:

2. To exercise restraint (7)
6. Developing tool used in businesses today (10)
8. To guard, shield or preserve in safety (7)
9. Element of gambling (5)
11. Being connected to a computer network (6)
12. A score in American football (6)
14. To control or direct by influences (5)
15. Overseeing the performance of someone (11)
16. The act of observing something (10)
17. Cause of pain, loss or injury (7)
18. Obscene pictures, writings, videos or drawings (11)

Down:

1. Tool to search information (8)
2. Another word for infants (8)
3. Boundaries of specific areas (6)
4. To warn or caution beforehand (11)
5. Places or pages online where people "chat" (9)
7. Secret words or phrases to restrict access (10)
10. Measures adopted to prevent crime (8)
13. Way of protecting children from inappropriate sites (9)

You can find answers to the crossword by visiting our website; www.certsys.co.uk (follow link under the 'Newspaper' heading)