



E-safety

At Lea Manor we take child online safety very seriously. As your child grows and becomes more independent, it is only natural that they take this independence online. In our teenage years we explore, try new things and sometimes push boundaries and take risks; this is an essential part of growing up.

With all of the potential that the online world and new technology offers, young people now have access to huge opportunities. They use technology to express themselves, explore, and be creative; it has changed the way they communicate. The internet has changed all of our lives, and your child has grown up during this change. Many of the things that confuse, baffle or even scare us are part of the everyday for them. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much.

Whether you're a technology lover or hater, it's still likely that you'll be playing catch-up with the way your child is using the internet. You might be wondering whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking about how you can watch out for them as well in their online activities as you do in other areas of their life?

We would like to help parents to understand the risks of the internet and how you can help your child to stay safe online.

Below we have provided a number of resources full of information, support, advice and guidance. We highly recommend that you become familiar with these resources and check the web-sites regularly. This will allow you, as a parent/carer, to monitor, support, advise and if necessary challenge in order to keep your child safe. If there are any issues arising from anything here that you would like to discuss, please get in touch with your child's Senior Tutor in the first instance.

Useful Websites

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account. Their web-site is targeted at children and young people, families and those working with children. It provides support, advice and guidance about on-line safety and child exploitation. www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Connect Safely

Connect Safely is for parents, teenagers, educators, advocates – everyone engaged in and interested in the impact of social media and mobile technology. Here you'll find tips, safety advice, articles, news, analysis, video and other resources to promote safe, effective use of connected technology.

www.connectsafely.org

UK Safer Internet Centre

On this web-site you can find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet. <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Have you stumbled across something worrying online? Do you need to tell others where to report online content which might be criminal in nature?

Report online to:

(Internet watch foundation) www.iwf.org.uk

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

If you need immediate support phone 999