

ONLINE GAMING

Children are not always aware that the online world differs from home or the school playground. Online, children will meet total strangers – some who may not be who they say they are. Often the chat will be uncensored, so they should be cautious about what they say and be careful not to give out private details such as their name, address, email address, passwords, telephone numbers or the name of their school.

It is also critical to take note of age ratings in video games as, with graphical advances, their content is becoming ever more realistic.



USEFUL WEBSITES

The "Know It All" interactive resource is available at:

www.childnet.com/kia

The KidSMART website is a useful resource for parents and young people:

www.kidsmart.org.uk

Childnet International provide useful information and advice:

www.childnet.com

The Thinkuknow site useful resource to find the latest information on the sites you like to visit, mobiles and new technology. Find out what's good, what's not and what you can do about it.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/



E-SAFETY



E-Safety encompasses not only the internet but also mobile phones, cameras, games consoles and wireless technology. It highlights the need to educate children and young people about the benefits, risks and responsibilities of using information technology.