

Digital Literacy and eSafety

A Teacher's Guide

Illegal and Inappropriate content

Your school should have an Acceptable Use Policy. Make sure you and your students know what is allowed and what to do if an inappropriate site or image is accessed by accident. Illegal websites should be reported to the Internet Watch Foundation: <http://www.iwf.org.uk>.

Plagiarism and Copyright

Make sure that your students know about copyright, plagiarism, and the importance of crediting sources when using Internet material. Free curriculum resources are available from NGfL Cymru: <http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk>.

Cyberbullying

Your school's anti-bullying policy should include cyberbullying. Make sure you and your students understand how to prevent and report cyberbullying.

Firewalls and Security

Worms, viruses and spyware can seriously damage computers and compromise privacy and data. Encourage good practice in your school. Make sure that you protect your passwords and don't leave machines unattended when you are "logged in".

Messenger, Social Networking, Trust, Responsibility and Privacy Online

Messenger and Social Networking Sites are great fun, but encourage your students to think about trust, privacy and responsibility when using these sites.

Online Grooming or Inappropriate Contact

Help your students understand how online "grooming" can occur and how sometimes, online friends may not be who they say they are.

Report Abuse

Encourage pupils to report any inappropriate or harassing Internet or mobile messages, and to keep the evidence. If a child feels they are in immediate danger, they should dial 999 for immediate police assistance. Children can also contact ChildLine on: 0800 1111 for help and support.

For more information on tackling eSafety and getting the best from the Internet, see:

eSafety Wales

<http://esafety.ngfl-cymru.org.uk>

WISE KIDS: Promoting Innovative, Positive and Safe Internet Use

<http://www.wisekids.org.uk>

