



Online Safety Policy

Why Online Safety is Important

The internet is a fantastic place! You can learn new things, play games, and talk to your friends. However, it's also important to stay safe while using it. At St. Alban's, we want to help you understand how to use the internet wisely and avoid any dangers.

What is Online Safety?

Online safety means knowing how to protect yourself when you're on the internet. It's about understanding the risks and how to be smart while having fun online. Here are some things we want you to remember:

- **Stay Safe:** Never share personal information like your full name, address, or phone number online. This helps keep you safe from people you don't know.
- **Be Kind:** Always treat others with respect. Kind words can make someone's day better!
- **Ask for Help:** If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared, tell a trusted adult, like a parent or teacher. They can help you!

What to Do if You See Something Upsetting

If you find something online that upsets you, remember these steps:

For Key Stage 1 (KS1): Use Stop, Close, Tell

- **Stop:** Take a moment to think about what you saw.
- **Close:** Close the screen or the app right away.
- **Tell:** Talk to a trusted adult about what happened so they can help you.

For Key Stage 2 (KS2): Use Report, Save, Block

- **Report:** Tell a trusted adult or use the report button on the website to let them know.
- **Save:** Take a screenshot of what you saw if it's safe to do so.
- **Block:** If someone is being unkind to you online, block them so they can't contact you anymore.

These steps can help you feel safer when using the internet!

How We Prevent Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is when someone is unkind to others online. At St. Alban's, we believe everyone should feel safe and happy. Here's how we handle it:

- **Learning About Kindness:** We teach students how to be kind online and the importance of treating everyone with respect.
- **Reporting Cyberbullying:** If you see someone being bullied online, it's important to tell a teacher or another trusted adult. They will help fix the problem.
- **Support for Everyone:** We support anyone who feels sad because of bullying. It's important to talk about your feelings, and we're here to help.

Staying Safe Online in Our Lessons

We use the internet to help us learn and have fun in class. Here are some tools we use at St. Alban's:

- **Discovery Coding:** In coding classes, you will learn how to create your own programs and games. It's a fun way to think critically and solve problems.
- **Google:** We use Google for research, but you will learn how to search safely. Remember to check if the information you find is true and from a reliable source.
- **Digimaps for Schools:** This tool helps us learn geography. You can explore maps and learn about different places safely.
- **Reflex and Times Tables Rockstars:** These are fun games that help you practice math skills and times tables. You can play them at school and at home!

We may also use other websites and tools that are safe and helpful for learning. Remember, all internet use in school is supervised, and you'll always be reminded of how to stay safe.

Learning Together About Internet Safety

At St. Alban's, we are committed to teaching you about how to use the internet safely. This includes lessons on being kind online, knowing what to do if you see something upsetting, and understanding how to protect your personal information.

We will also invite parents to learn with us! Workshops and resources will help them understand how to keep you safe when you're online at home.

To help with this:

- We have strong filtering systems that stop students from accessing harmful websites.
- We monitor what happens online to make sure everyone is safe.
- If you see something concerning, report it to a teacher right away.

Conclusion

Staying safe online is very important. By following these rules and remembering what to do if something upsets you, we can all enjoy using the internet while learning and having fun. At St. Alban's, we work together to make sure everyone feels happy and safe both online and at school. Let's help each other be responsible digital citizens!