

# Be Internet Safe

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# Benefits to the School

As a school we are very aware of the educational benefits the internet and social media can provide and encourage our pupils and students to utilise such facilities in a safe and productive way.

**Connections to the global community**

**Online courses**

**Study support**

**Subject specific webcasts**



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# Filtering

The St Martha's works in partnership with the DfES and our Internet Service Provider to ensure systems are in place to protect our students/pupils. These are reviewed and improved regularly.

If staff, students or pupils discover unsuitable sites, the URL (address) and content must be reported to the Internet Service Provider via our Network Manager

Senior staff will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

Any material that the school believes is illegal will be referred to the Internet Watch Foundation.

Each filtering strategy will be selected to suit the age and curriculum requirements of the student/pupil.

# What children do online and through social networking

Children and young people go online to connect with friends, and make new ones, to browse the internet for information, chat with others and play games.

They may:

Search for information or content on search engines like [Google](#) and [Bing](#)

Share images and watch videos through websites or mobile apps like [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Vine](#) and [YouTube](#)

Use social networking websites like [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) write or reply to messages on forums and message boards.

Play games alone or with others through websites, apps or game consoles

Chat with other people through online games, [BBM](#) ([Blackberry Messenger](#)), game consoles, webcams, social networks and tools like [Whatsapp](#)

# Use of Mobile Phones

**Students and pupils are not allowed to carry or use their phone during school hours. Phones must be kept in a locked locker at all times.**

**The only exception to this is when a student or pupil has requested permission to phone home and this has been granted by one of our school receptionists.**



# The Potential Dangers of Social Media

**Cyber bullying**

**Distractions from homework and proper social interactions**

**Sharing personal details**

**Viewing inappropriate content**

**Radicalisation**

**Grooming**



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# How we educate about the dangers

**Assemblies on internet and social media safety**

**Peer on peer mentoring and a social media self help group**

**On going pastoral support and guidance**

**Links are made in lesson time especially during IT**



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# We need your support...

- Please talk to your daughter regularly about internet safety.
- Talk about online privacy, and being Share Aware. Explain that online behaviour including sharing personal information should mirror behaviour in person.
- Explain that talking to strangers isn't always 'bad', but they should always be careful about what they share and sometimes people aren't who they say they are.
- Ask your child if they know: where reporting functions are, how to block someone and how to keep information private.

**Thank you for your support**