

Online Safety

Questions and Answers



Q. What should you think about before posting something online?

- A. Is everyone in the photo or post happy for it to be shared on the internet?
Does the post have any personal information that I don't want everyone knowing?
Would I be happy for it to be on the front page of a newspaper?
Does it break any of the rules of the site that I'm posting on?
Could it upset or offend someone who sees it?

Q. If you're in a gaming room and someone that you don't know who says they're the same age as you asks you about personal information, what do you do?

- A. You should never share your full name, where you live, which school you go to or your passwords with anybody else online, especially if you don't know who they are.

Q. If a friend has been asked by someone to send a nude or semi-nude picture of themselves, or if they're asked to do something on webcam that makes them feel uncomfortable, what could they do?

- A. Tell the person they don't feel comfortable doing that.
Say no and tell them it's illegal.
Report and block the person
Ask an adult for help

Q. A boy/girl contacts you through Instagram. He/she is exactly your age and likes the same things as you. After a few weeks of chatting, they ask you to meet them. What do you do?

A. People are not always who they say they are. Talk to a trusted adult about it but never go to meet anybody on your own without an adult.

Q. What should you do if you're being bullied online?

A. Report and block the person who is bullying you.

Talk to a trusted adult about it.

Keep a record of the bullying so you can show it to a trusted adult.

Q. Someone knows my password for my email and social media account, what should I do?

A. Change your password immediately.

Change your password for any other account that uses the same password as the one that has been hacked.

If an account asks for a security or secret question, make sure your answer isn't something others can guess too easily.

Q. One of the students in my year group has been posting homophobic comments, what should I do?

A. Report the homophobic posts online.

Talk to a trusted adult or teacher in school about it.

Homophobia is a type of discrimination. Any other form of discrimination should also be reported. This might include discriminating against somebody because of their religion, skin colour, disability or gender amongst others.

If you're worried about something that is happening online you can talk to a member of the Safeguarding Team about it. You can post your concerns through the postbox outside Ms Rogers' office or email SafeguardingTeam@orchardparkhigh.net