

## eSafety Advice for Parents

In school the Hertfordshire Grid for Learning provides for a safe and secure online environment. Many parents and carers do seek advice on how they can help their children to 'Stay Safe' online outside of school. These websites provide comprehensive information about online safety and once parents and carers have a wider knowledge and understanding of the issues they can decide what is right for their family.

## Useful Web Sites for Parents

[www.childnet-int.org](http://www.childnet-int.org) - A non-profit making organisation working directly with children, parents and teachers to ensure that the issues of online child protection and children's safe and positive use of the internet are addressed.

Childnet International produce an online CD guide specifically for parents - KnowITAll - [www.childnet-int.org/kia/](http://www.childnet-int.org/kia/)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) - The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre has set up its own educational website which has been designed and written specifically for children, young people, teachers, parents and carers.

[www.getsafeonline.org/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/) A beginners guide to using the Internet safely, including a quiz and some video tutorials about how to 'stay safe' on-line.

[www.kidsmart.org.uk/](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/) - Kidsmart is an award winning internet safety website for parents and those working with children. It has been developed by the children's internet charity Childnet International and has excellent information on many of the technologies used by children, with guidance on how to 'stay safe' online.

<http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/2011/10/advice-for-parents/> - Managing your Media - Good Ofcom online safety video and guide for parents/carers

[www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk) - One in five young people have experienced bullying by text message or via email. This web site gives advice for children and parents on bullying.

[www.chatdanger.com/](http://www.chatdanger.com/) - This website is about the potential dangers with interactive services online like chat, IM, online games, email and on mobiles. It provides information, advice, true stories and games. The resource page also contains a number of links to other useful websites.

<http://parents.vodafone.com/> - Vodafone have developed this website in conjunction with mumsnet. It is very accessible and provides information and guidance to parents with understanding their child's digital world and get more involved. There is even an on-line test to see how much you know!

The internet is an exciting and fun place for adults and children to use and explore educationally and socially. The challenge for parents, carers and teachers is to make sure our children are aware and understand how to be safe when using the internet and related technologies.