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Information for
Parents and carers
on ICT

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ICT is not just about using a computer. It also includes the use of controllable toys, digital cameras, phones and everyday equipment such as tape recorders or DVD players. Children can be helped to develop their ICT skills at home by:

- writing a letter to a relative.
- sending an email to a friend.
- drawing a picture on screen.
- using the Internet to research a class topic.
- planning a route with a controllable



Studies have shown that there are benefits to children using ICT such as the computer or internet at home because:-

- Using ICT at home and at school develops skills for life.
- Children with supportive and involved parents and carers do better at school.
- Children enjoy using ICT.
- Using ICT provides access to a wider and a more flexible range of learning materials.

Agree to use these simple rules with your child to keep them safe.

Ask permission before using the Internet. Only use websites that have been chosen together or are vetted by a child friendly search engine.

Only email people that are known to them. Ask permission before opening an email sent by someone they don't know.

Do not use Internet chat rooms.

Do not use their real names when using Internet games.

Never give out a home address, phone or mobile numbers.

Never tell someone they don't know where they go to school.

Never arrange to meet someone they have 'met' on the Internet.

Only use a webcam with people they know.

Do not phone numbers that appear on their phone they do not recognise.

Tell you immediately if they see anything they are unhappy with.

Using these rules

Go through these rules with your child and pin them up near to the computer.

By keeping the computer in a family area, not a bedroom, this will enable you to supervise children as they use the Internet.

It is also a good idea to regularly check the Internet sites your child is visiting e.g. by clicking the 'History' and 'Favourites.'

Please reassure your child that you want to keep them safe rather than taking internet access away from them.

