

## **E-Safety / Internet Safety**

None of us, regardless of our age, are immune from encountering problems online, as a look through this website or the daily news will tell you. Our children are at a vulnerable stage in their lives and therefore we at Charters are committed to ensuring a rounded education for our students so they can keep safe when online.



Some of these potential issues are as follows:

- Inappropriate contact: from people who may wish to abuse, exploit or bully them (“cyberbullying”)
- Inappropriate conduct: because of their own and others’ online behaviour, such as the personal information they make public, for example on social networking sites.
- Inappropriate content: being able to access or being sexually explicit (“sexting”), racist, violent, extremist or other harmful material, either through choice or in error.
- Commercialism: being the targets of aggressive advertising and marketing messages.
- Gaining access to personal information stored on your computer, mobile device or games console, and passing it on to others or using your financial details such as payment card information.
- Enabling viruses and spyware by careless or misinformed use of their or your computer, smartphone, tablet or games console.

It is important that we as teachers, you as parents and the students themselves all keep up to date with E-safety as the internet is a fast-changing aspect of the world we live in.

In this section there are a range of documents which will help you to understand various aspects of online safety but there are also lots of places you can find out more such as:

- <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>