

At Granta School, online safety is a key part of our safeguarding responsibilities and curriculum provision. We teach pupils how to stay safe online and how to use technology in a positive and responsible way.

Online safety is embedded across the curriculum and is specifically taught through:

- Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) at secondary level
- Relationships and Health Education at primary level
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)
- Citizenship
- Computing

All online safety teaching is appropriate to pupils' ages and stages of development.

The Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025 guidance places increased emphasis on digital safeguarding. This includes awareness of emerging technologies such as generative artificial intelligence, social media, online gaming, and digital communication. Our approach ensures pupils understand both the benefits of being online and the potential risks.

We recognise that the internet offers valuable opportunities to learn, communicate, and be creative. However, it can also expose children to harmful, misleading, or age-inappropriate content. Working in partnership with parents and carers is essential to help children develop the confidence, skills, and judgement needed to use technology safely and responsibly.

How Parents and Carers Can Support at Home

Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting online safety at home. The guidance and resources shared here are designed to help reinforce the messages taught in school.

Parents and carers can help their children to:

- Think critically about what they see and read online
- Recognise persuasive techniques such as targeted advertising, influencers, and misinformation
- Understand appropriate online behaviour, including respect and digital etiquette
- Identify online risks such as scams, cyberbullying, grooming, and oversharing
- Know how and when to seek help, including how to report concerns to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

Working Together

Keeping children safe online works best when schools and families work together. We encourage parents and carers to explore trusted national resources such as ThinkUKnow, NSPCC Online Safety, and the UK Safer Internet Centre to stay informed about current advice and emerging online trends.

Together, we can support our young people to use technology confidently, responsibly, and safely.

Kind Regards

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