



Internet Safety

Over the last number of years, we have focused on internet safety as part of our digital strategy. We have dedicated a class in first year to this important area and have included internet safety in our whole school wellbeing programme the ENERGY programme. In a recent survey of students, the overwhelming majority said that they feel that we address this area well in school. However, it is always useful for parents to re-emphasise the most important points and we would be grateful if you would discuss these with your child.

Some tips to help students to stay safe online

- Don't share personal information or images with people you don't know
- Don't meet someone you only know online
- Don't accept friend requests from someone you don't know
- Set your privacy settings on all devices
- Don't post anything online that you are not happy to be shared
- If someone has made you feel uncomfortable or you have had disturbing interaction online, tell someone you trust.
- Keep evidence of disturbing interactions (screen shots etc) and report to the Gardaí.

Please note the Gardaí have advised us that distributing an inappropriate image online can result in 3 court summonses (not cautions) for:

- *Online harassment*
- *Distribution of pornography*
- *Production of child pornography*