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-  **Be respectful.** When sharing projects or posting comments, remember that people of many different ages and backgrounds will see what you've shared.
-  **Be constructive.** When commenting on other's projects, say something you like about it and offer suggestions.
-  **Share.** You are free to remix projects, ideas, images, or anything else you find on Scratch – and anyone can use anything that you share. Be sure to give credit when you remix.
-  **Keep personal info private.** For safety reasons, don't use real names or post contact info like phone numbers or addresses.
-  **Help keep the site friendly.** If you think a project or comment is mean, insulting, too violent, or otherwise inappropriate, click "Report" to let us know about it

Encouraging children to sign up <http://scratch.mit.edu> can support the **building of responsible online behaviours**:

-  Learn to use a **safe alias** to participate online
-  **Learn to provide positive feedback to others**
-  **Recognise copyright in terms of acknowledging other peoples' ideas**
-  **Learn to keep personal information private**
-  **Recognise inappropriate content - consider whether others would find a project or comment mean, insulting, too violent, or otherwise inappropriate**
-  Know how and when **to report inappropriate content** and when deleting a comment is the sensible action.
-  **Consider appropriate time to spend online creating and playing games**

Participating in the Scratch community will bring other learning benefits:

-  **Children will see a purpose for learning** as others see and play your game
-  Children will be able to **create in school and at home**
-  **Self-esteem** can increase from comments posted
-  **Learning can be shared** with family and friends
-  Children have a way of learning about **peer assessment**