



E-Safety Vision Statement

Spending time online is an important part of our lives, including school learning. Across the Aspire group of schools, children are taught about the benefits and hazards of life online, particularly in focused sessions on E-safety.

The **Aspire Digital Safety** group – including teachers and children – are consulted each year to review our **Vision Statement** and **Top 10 Tips** for online safety, currently as below:

‘The Internet is an incredible modern resource. It’s brilliant for finding information, learning, socialising and having fun. It’s important that we learn to use it safely and respectfully; understanding the powerful tools it provides for us to use, while also protecting ourselves.’

1	We take great care when moving and using mobile devices and computer equipment.
2	We don’t talk to strangers on the internet, unless we have permission from our parents / carers.
3	If anything we see, read or hear on the internet worries us, we always show a trusted adult.
4	We know that people on the internet are not always who they say they are. We NEVER meet with anyone who has arranged to meet us through the internet.
5	We always use, and expect to see, polite language when we are online.
6	We are careful not to post personal information about ourselves in places where anyone could see and share it. For example: pictures, passwords, our address, phone numbers.
7	We are cautious and check the ‘facts’ that the internet presents to us, knowing that not everything we may read is true or correct.
8	We are careful when downloading files from the internet, since they might contain viruses or other harmful software.
9	We don’t use websites, apps or games that are not suitable for children of our age.
10	If cyberbullying or something else upsetting happens while online, we always get help from an adult we trust.

Aspire schools positively encourage parents to discuss the safe use of technology with their children, and to take an active role in monitoring their child’s safe online usage. Schools are sensitive in presenting information on these matters to children – parents are very welcome to approach schools with any concerns, or to request a particular approach for their child.