

## Chatsworth Schools Tips for Parents Safer Home Learning

Technology has provided our schools with an amazing opportunity to continue children's learning whilst at home during lockdown.

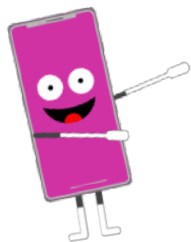
As with the physical school environment, it is our aim to ensure your child is as safe as possible, when accessing the Internet.

To help us achieve this goal together, here are some top tips that you can use as a parent/guardian to ensure a safer 'Home Learning' experience.

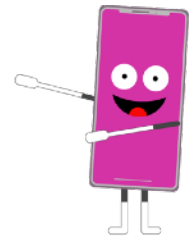
- It is very important that you have the appropriate parental controls and filters set up on your home network. Most routers come pre-set with family filters enabled. If you are unsure, please contact your service provider and they can change these for you.
- Even with excellent filtering in place, it is important to supervise your child whilst accessing the internet. Keep digital working spaces in an open, visual environment.
- Periodically ask to check your child's device and browse the website history and regularly used apps. Check they are accessing age appropriate materials and are not distracted by other activities.
- Not all apps are what they seem and if your child is using one regularly, it is a good idea to check what it is.

Trust is essential to help build a healthy and honest relationship with your child.

- Check that your child knows what to do if something concerns them whilst online. Who to talk to? Switching off a screen rather than the whole device can be a useful way of showing you what has happened, without prolonging exposure.
- Regularly talk openly about boundaries, screen time and appropriate behaviour online with your child. Allowing children to set their own expectations in agreement with you, often ensures they adhere to them.
- Following the [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) S.M.A.R.T rules as a family, will support a safe approach to online activities for the whole household. Ask your child if they know what the S.M.A.R.T acronym stands for.



***If you have any difficulties or concerns with  
'Home Learning' please do not hesitate  
to contact your school.***



**Further practical advice and resources for E-Safety can be found at the following sites:**

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides)

[www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers)

[www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety](http://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers)