Safe searching

At school, children should use safe search engines or sites chosen by their teacher.

When searching, we can use:

Swiggle – a children's search engine.

http://www.swiggle.org.uk/

Primary School ICT - a safe search engine with an image search. Remember, even safe search engines can give you links to sites that are not meant for children.

http://primaryschoolict.com/

Safe searching tips!

- Only use the address bar when you know the website address.
- Check you have written the web address correctly.
- When typing in search criteria, check your spellings before clicking on search.
- Read the description before clicking on a link.
- Click Hector, or minimise the screen if you see something that worries you. Tell an adult.
- Only use images we have permission from the owner to use.

Guidance for parents on safe searching

Searching for key words in Google, Google images or YouTube is **not** safe for children. These sites are intended for adults. Even safe searching sites can provide inappropriate suggested links. Teach children to read the information below the links to check the site is relevant.

Searching the internet is a key skill for pupils, however it is better to provide specific sites for the children to use where searching may not produce speedy results or where the focus of the lesson is not the technology.

Use the address bar for addresses and **not** for inputting search criteria. Typing key words into the address bar of either Internet Explorer or Safari (iPad) directs the page to an adult search engine. You can easily make a link to a safe search engine on an iPad.

Inserting clipart – Office now uses Bing for clipart. Children should check the words they intend to search for with an adult. School's web filtering does filter out the most inappropriate images, however some image searches may bring up images that are not intended for children. If in doubt, use a safe site, save and insert images.

Two great information sites

http://www.encyclopedia.dkonline.com/uk/

https://www.q-files.com/

Education search engine aimed at teachers

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ - a great educational search engine

Some good sites for images/videos

http://www.arkive.org/ - animals

http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/collections.shtml - various - history, culture etc.

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/- allsorts including geographical images

http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html

http://classroomclipart.com/

Educational videos

http://www.bbc.co.uk/education

http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zt9thyc