

ONLINE SAFETY

NEWSLETTER

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This is the first online safety newsletter of the academic year for 2024-2025. Each half-term, we share an online safety newsletter with you to provide support and guidance on keeping your child/children safe online. Each newsletter will have a different E-Safety focus.

This newsletter will focus on our school's computing curriculum.



Why is Computing important?

Computing is an important subject because it plays a significant role in many aspects of modern society and is increasingly becoming a crucial part of today's society. It helps in solving complex problems, automating tasks, creating new forms of entertainment, communicating with people, and making life easier in general. Furthermore, the field of computing continues to evolve rapidly, offering numerous career opportunities in a variety of industries, including technology, finance, healthcare, and more.

How is it taught?

Our ambitious curriculum is delivered through fun, engaging and high-quality teaching of computing. This provides children with the confidence and competency to safely and securely navigate digital technology. In partnership with peers, children are able to discuss and evaluate their own work, which provides teachers with opportunities to revisit misconceptions and inform future planning. Much of the subject-specific knowledge and skills, developed in computing, equips children with experiences, which will benefit them in primary school, secondary school, further education and future workplaces. The computing curriculum is delivered through online and offline lessons covering the three strands of computing: Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy (including Online Safety).

Aspects of Online Safety are taught within PSHE lessons using the Collins My Life Scheme. Please see the PSHE and RSHE page, on our school website, for more information.