

# Online Guide for students- be safe online

## 1. Keeping on line safe

Parents, caregivers and whānau please discuss internet safety with your children - of all ages. You should discuss what they can do online including sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours including:

- reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
- reviewing privacy settings of sites and applications
- checking children's profiles and what they are posting online
- check the sites your child is accessing
- reminding children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet
- taking the time to understand what sites they are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly
- some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join them
- monitoring a child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
- making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to parents and caregivers straight away.
- [Netsafe](#) continues to be available to provide you and your parent and caregiver community with support for online safety. They have [information for parents and caregivers](#) and have pulled together their [top tips for online safety during the lockdown](#). To report an incident To Netsafe - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/reportanincident/>
- If you think a child in your care is the victim of online exploitation or abuse, report it to Police - if you or a child are in danger or a crime is being committed, call 111 or visit [your nearest Police Station](#) immediately.

## 2. Commenting on Teams and in Chat forums

- When you are in a Class Teams setting and commenting using the chat function, please be aware that this is your classroom, your comments can be seen by everyone. With this in mind school rules apply and we expect that you be respectful, use good appropriate language and be safe. This is not a place for a catchup with friends. Please use another platform for that. Your teacher has the ability to remove you from the chat function.
- Please keep your language formal as you would if you were having a real conversation with your teacher- no slang or swear words.

If we all work together to make sure children are safe online, we can make the internet a great tool for people of all ages.