Smart Rules for Staying Safe Online

Childnet has produced 5 key SMART rules which remind young people to be SMART online.

SAFE  Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information - such as your full name, e-mail address, passwords, phone number, home address, photos or college name - either to people you are chatting to online or by posting it online where other people can see it.

MEETING  Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents’ or carers’ permission and even then only when they can be present.

ACCEPTING  Accepting e-mails, Instant Messenger (IM) messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don’t know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

RELIABLE  Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

TELL  Tell your tutor, carer or trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.