Simple rules for keeping your child safe online

To keep your child safe they should:

- ask permission before using the internet
- only use websites you have chosen together or a child friendly search engine
- only email people they know (consider setting up an address book with them)
- ask permission before opening an email sent by someone they don't know
- not use internet chat rooms
- not use their real name when using games on the internet (create a nickname)
- never give out a home address, phone or mobile number - in fact any personal information
- never tell someone they don't know where they go to school
- never arrange to meet someone they have 'met' on the internet
- only use a webcam with people they know
- tell you immediately if they see anything they are unhappy with

Other tips

- Go through these rules with your child and pin them near the computer
- Keep your computer in a family room so people are around rather than in the privacy of their bedroom
- It's good idea to regularly check the internet sites your child is visiting (look at their browser History and Favourites)
- Use child friendly search engines which have good filtering protection built in
- Use parental control software on your PC to monitor and block internet usage and set appropriate screen time limits
- Please reassure your child that you want to keep them safe rather than take internet access away from them.

Child Friendly Search Engines

Ask Jeeves for kids - www.askforkids.com

Yahooligans - www.yahooligans.com

CBBC Search - www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/search

Kidsclick - www.kidsclick.org - Zoo Search - www.zoo.com

Further information on internet safety

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/who/

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe

http://www.childnet-int.org/

http://www.digizen.org/kids/