

BASIC DIGITAL SAFETY

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THE 4C'S

CONTENT, CONTACT AND CONDUCT AND COMMENCE

THE 4C'S WAS INTRODUCED IN ENGLAND AS A SAFETY MEASURE TO KEEP KIDS SAFE IN EDUCATION IN ENGLAND WHILST ONLINE, KNOWN AS (KCSIE) IN 2021.

YOU ARE (OFTEN UNKNOWINGLY) EXPOSING YOURSELF TO A WIDE RANGE OF POTENTIAL ONLINE THREATS. HERE IS A LIST OF JUST SOME OF THE BIGGEST INTERNET DANGERS THAT WE NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON.

- .IDENTITY THEFT
- .DATA BREACHES.
- .PHISHING AND SCAM EMAILS.
- .FAKE WEBSITES.
- .ONLINE SCAMS.
- .BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU POST ONLINE

ANYTHING POSTED ONLINE COULD POTENTIALLY STAY ONLINE FOR THE FORSEABLE FUTURE AS REMOVING THE ORIGINAL DOESN'T NECESSARILY REMOVE ANY COPIES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PRODUCED.

.ADD EXTRA SECURITY BY ADDING PASSWORDS EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OPTIONAL.

APPLY A HIGH GRADE PASSWORDS WHEREVER AVAILABLE, THINK OF ALL THE PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CONNECTIONS ON YOUR DEVICES. GOING WITHOUT A PASSWORD IS CAN LEAD TO CONSEQUENCES.

.KEEP YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS TURNED ON!

WEB BROWSERS AND OPERATING SYSTEMS HAVE SETTINGS AVAILABLE TO MAINTAIN ONLINE PROTECTION.

**. BE CAREFUL WHO YOU MEET ONLINE
BE VIGILANT WHILST SURFING THE WEB,
NOT EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY
ARE. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
WHO OFTEN TEND TO PRETEND TO BE
SOMEONE THEY ARE NOT(CATFISH)EITHER
BY USING SOMEONE ELSE'S IDENTITY OR
BY MAKING UP A WHOLE NEW PERSON
FROM SCRATCH. HACKERS TEND TO USE
SOCIAL MEDIA AS A WAY IN TO DEFRAUD
AND STEAL INFORMATION SO BE
CAUTIOUS WHEN USING THE WEB NOT TO
GET SCAMMED.**

**.BE CAREFULL WHEN
DOWNLOADING AS
HACKERS WILL ALWAYS TRY
AND TRICK YOU INTO
DOWNLOADING
MALWARE(SOFTWARE
DESIGNED INTENTIONALLY TO
CAUSE DAMAGE) USUALLY
HIDDEN AND USED TO STEAL
PRIVATE INFORMATION.**

.KEEP YOUR ANTIVIRUS PROGRAM UP TO DATE!

ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOU STAY UP TO DATE WITH YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM UPDATES AND APPLICATIONS IN DOING SO WILL GIVE YOU AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION. ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT NOT ALL THREATS ARE PROTECTED AGAINST BY USING ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE BUT MOST ARE DETECTED AND REMOVED.

**.USE PASSCODES EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OPTIONAL
APPLY A PASSCODE LOCK WHEREVER AVAILABLE, EVEN IF
IT'S OPTIONAL. THINK OF ALL THE PERSONAL DATA AND
CONNECTIONS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE. GOING WITHOUT
A PASSCODE LOCK IS UNTHINKABLE.**

REFERENCES

**KASPERSKY(2024)TOP 10 PREEMPTIVE SAFETY RULES AND WHAT NOT TO DO.
AVAILABLE AT:**

[HTTPS://WWW.KASPERSKY.COM/RESOURCE-CENTER/PREEMPTIVE-SAFETY/TOP-10-PREEMPTIVE-SAFETY-RULES-AND-WHAT-NOT-TO-DO-ONLINE](https://www.kaspersky.com/resource-center/preemptive-safety/top-10-preemptive-safety-rules-and-what-not-to-do-online) (ACCESSED ON:25 NOVEMBER 2024)