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St Aloysius College advice for Parents: Keeping children safe online

These on-line resources are new to all of us, teachers and parents alike. I would encourage schools to offer advice to parents regarding the use of the Internet at home.

Appropriate home use of the Internet by children can be educationally beneficial, and can make a useful contribution to home and school work. It should, however, be supervised, and parents should be aware that they are responsible for their child's use of Internet resources at home.

Parents should discuss with their child the rules for using the Internet and decide together when, how long, and what comprises appropriate use.

Parents should get to know the sites their child visits, and talk to them about what they are learning.

Parents should ensure that they give their agreement before their child gives out personal identifying information on the Internet, such as a picture, an address, phone number, school name, or financial information such as credit card and bank details, in any electronic communication. In this way they can protect their child from unwanted or unacceptable overtures from strangers, from unplanned expenditure or from fraud.

Parents should encourage their child not to respond to any uninvited messages and to tell them if they receive any such messages or images. www.epals.com the email package we are promoting for pupils in our schools is available from any home computer too.

Free advice for parents is available from the following sources:

The NSPCC Helplines

[Help for adults concerned about a child](#)

Call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000)

[Help for children and young people](#)

Call Childline on [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

Website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Reporting Internet Abuse

The following document outlines what to do if you receive an abusive email or are receiving abuse via a bulletin board.

St Aloysius RC College will investigate all instances of abusive behavior and/or cyber-bullying that are raised, and pass the information on to the relevant authorities.

The Procedure

All abuse complaints must be logged in writing, if not, for legal reasons we cannot act on them. Please send an email stating the nature of your complaint to:

lawrence.w@sta.islington.sch.uk
evans.c@sta.islington.sch.uk
mugglestone.a@sta.islington.sch.uk

If you have been the victim of an abusive email please include copies of the email, full headers plus dates and times.

Please note that we are only able to release information direct to the source of the abuse involved - we are unable to release information to third-parties (e.g. from the person receiving the abuse) due to legal restrictions.

We will investigate all complaints of abuse and take action accordingly.