

A DIGITAL CITIZEN LOOKS LIKE...

Characteristics of a Digital Citizen

These aspects of Digital Citizenship will be explored in increasing depth with your child, through our school Digital Citizenship Programme. We expect pupils to exemplify and understand these in depth after they have been through our Year 1-6 programme. Many of these concepts are part of the key competencies of Relating to Others and Participating and Contributing to society.

Digital Literacy
I know some benefits and costs of using technology as an individual and as a community. I can "read" web pages, search, synthesise information, evaluate material, and create new ideas. I have techniques to help decide authenticity and relevance and accuracy of sources. I am efficient at using devices, software and in learning new skills. I can seek help, both online and offline.

Netiquette - Self Management
I have manners, know how to treat others, and understand what is fair and reasonable. I know what social media I will use and how to be caring in this. I can judge what is appropriate - inappropriate. I set myself high standards in my use. I am "prepared" in my use of ICT.

Digital Commerce
I have an understanding of and skills in using ICT for commerce and know how to take care in this area.

Access
I know what digital devices I can use for communication. I understand my access to devices will change over time. I know many ways to communicate with ICT. I understand how to have a balanced lifestyle.

Rights & Responsibilities
I know how laws affect me nationally and internationally. I understand Copyright and Creative Commons. I can respect other peoples work and be honest in my own thinking. I understand the rights I have or don't have in a digital world. I understand the ICT Code of Conduct at School and have a Digital Home Contract.

Security - Safety
Personal Security and Safety. I can take care with: personal information, my digital footprints and not meeting strangers from online worlds. I am aware of scams, how to respond to bullying and know how to take evidence. I am aware of the addictive aspects of technology use. I understand ergonomic use of technology.

Device Security and Safety. I have a good level of knowledge in: Virus checkers, updating applications, various OS types, firewalls, strong passwords, screen-locks, backup, surge protectors, wireless airport passwords, and protecting devices in a sleeve/bag.

Protected - Guided - Learned
Year 0 → School Leaver

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WE CARRY OUT TO HELP CREATE THE DIGITAL CITIZENS OF TOMORROW.

- Conversations with peers and teachers around aspects of Digital Citizenship.
- Watching videos on Digital Citizenship.
- Using Game based learning sites that teach and reinforce concepts of Digital Citizenship.
- Role Playing situations.
- Asking questions to explore.
- Creating presentations to teach our parents.
- Creating videos to communicate our thinking.
- Learning from mistakes while in a safe environment.
- Practising digital literacy skills using specialised software like Ultramet.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

- Digital life is just like part of normal life.
- Make sure children understand there are different roles in bullying. Talk to them about bullies, victims and bystanders.
- If you wouldn't let your children have an unsupervised play date, don't let them online by themselves.
- Discuss how some sites rely on currency for buying extras, so set your limits beforehand.
- Talk about online ads. Many online games and sites offer lots of free giveaways and downloads that can be full of spyware and malware. These can badly impact on your computer.
- Set your browser's safe search settings. Typing even innocent keywords into a search engine may yield inappropriate results. Keep an eye on your child during their research process.
- Compare multiple sources. Kids should draw on several sites, for better accuracy.



One of the biggest challenges that parents face!

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

TIPS FOR PARENTS

A digital citizen is someone who is able to understand and fully participate in the digital world. They have the technical and social skills that enable a person to be successful and safe.

