Raising Digital Citizens

GUIDING STUDENTS IN A CONNECTED WORLD

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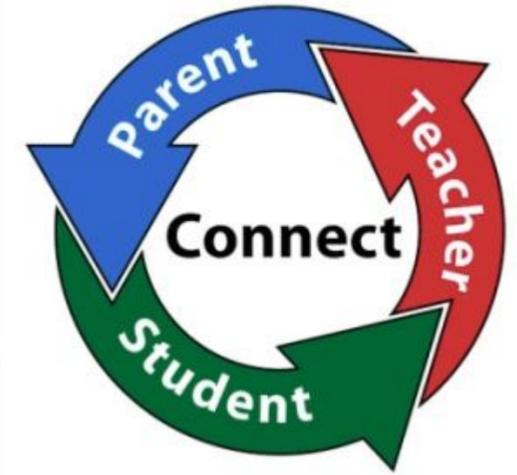مـدرسة الجـالـية الـدولـية

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Introduction & Aims

- Understand the challenges and opportunities of raising children in our digital world

- The school's role in digital safety

- Practical tips to guide your child's digital journey

- Further advice and guidance

ICS Mission Statement

Our mission as an inclusive, diverse, and happy learning community is to harness the power of human connection to create fearlessly determined global citizens.

The Digital Landscape

Definition: *Responsible and ethical behaviour online*

Today's children are growing up in a highly connected world

Benefits: *Access to information, global communication, educational resources*

Challenges: *Online safety, privacy concerns, cyberbullying, screen time management*

School's Role in Digital Safety

- **Robust internet filters and firewalls**

- **Teaching digital literacy and online safety is part of the curriculum**

- **Monitoring student online activity on school devices**

- **Providing secure, age-appropriate digital platforms for learning**

- **Regular staff training on digital safety and emerging online trends (e.g. new apps, games, social media platforms)**

Cyberbullying Awareness

Definition:

Using digital technologies to deliberately hurt or harass others

Signs:

Sudden mood changes, avoiding devices, secretive behaviour

School actions:

Anti-bullying policies, reporting systems, counselling support

Advice for parents:

Open communication, monitor online activities, save evidence

Privacy and Personal Information

Importance of protecting personal data online

School measures:

Secure student information systems, data protection policies

Teach children about strong passwords

Discuss the permanence of online posts

Review privacy settings on social media accounts together

Screen time Management

Balancing online and offline activities is crucial for child development

School approach:

Structured device use during class, tech-free zones

- Set clear rules and time limits for device use

- Encourage outdoor activities and face-to-face interactions

- Model healthy digital habits

Digital Footprint Awareness

Definition: *The trail of data created through online activities*

School education:

Teaching students about long-term consequences of online actions

- **Discuss the impact of online posts on future opportunities, relationships, and reputation**

- **Regularly review and clean up your child's online presence**

- **Encourage positive content creation**

Digital Footprint Awareness

- **Discuss the impact of online posts on future opportunities, relationships, and reputation**

  Colleges, employers, and others often review online profiles. Encourage them to share content that reflects their best qualities.

- **Regularly review and clean up your child's online presence**

  Help them to review accounts, privacy settings, and shared content. Delete old, unnecessary, or inappropriate posts, reinforcing them of the importance of managing their online content

- **Encourage positive content creation**

  Motivate them to use the internet to showcase their achievements, hobbies, and passions, creating positive content and building a digital

Parental Controls and Monitoring

Content filtering on school networks and devices

- Internet service provider parental controls

- Device-specific restrictions (e.g., Apple's Screen Time, Google Family Link)

- Third-party monitoring software

- Balancing safety with trust and privacy

Online Safety and Digital Citizenship Resources for Parents

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ommonsensemedia.org

ws of apps, games, and movies; advice on digital citizenship; tips for managing screen time.

onnectsafely.org

t guides to social media, gaming, and online safety; practical tips for engaging with your child's digital life.

afety

ationalonlinesafety.com

oadable resources, webinars, and detailed guides on topics like TikTok, Snapchat, and online gaming.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)

issingkids.org/NetSmartz

ctive lessons and activities for kids; resources for parents to address online risks.

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s for age-appropriate online safety settings, digital well-being, and resources tailored to different age groups.

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e on privacy, social media, and cyberbullying; resources for parents, teachers, and children.

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me (by Google)
netawesome.withgoogle.com
ctive games for kids to learn digital safety; parent and educator resources.

arentzone.org.uk
cal parenting advice, resources on online harm prevention, and digital literacy.

ety Institute (FOSI)
osi.org
nd tools for parents, policy updates on online safety, and guides on managing family tech use.

by the National Cybersecurity Alliance)
aysafeonline.org
security tips for families, privacy protection advice, and guidance for safe browsing.

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opbullying.gov

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dshealth.org

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ta.org

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