



Cyber Wellness Tips

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With our students having more online access, it is paramount that they learn how to stay safe in the online environment.

The students learned about 3 simple online rules:

1. Always ask their parents and teachers first
2. Only talk to people they know in real life when parents are around
3. Visit websites that are allowed by parents and teachers



The students also learned about the STOP-THINK-DO approach to guide their decision making process should they encounter unfamiliar online situations.



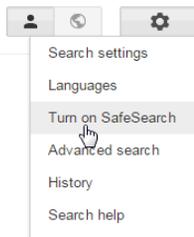
STOP: If an online stranger asks them for their personal information, they should immediately STOP and not reply.

THINK: Talk to people you know in real life! Even if the person says he/she is their friend, they should check with that person the next day.

DO: Approach their parents or teacher and tell them what happened.

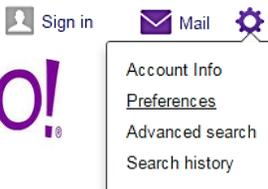
Together we can help the children stay ONLINE SMART!

How to turn on Search Engine Filters



Google Search :

- Enter a search and go to the "Settings" icon
- Click "Turn on SafeSearch"
- Under "Search settings", you can also lock your settings with a password by using Lock SafeSearch and click "Save"
- For mobile devices, check the box for "Filter explicit results" under Search Settings



Yahoo SafeSearch :

- Enter a search and go to the "Settings" icon
- Click preferences and choose the strict option
- Click "Save"
- You can lock Yahoo SafeSearch by signing in



Restricted Mode

- Restricted Mode hides videos that may contain inappropriate content flagged by users and other signals. No filter is 100% accurate, but it should
- Your Restricted Mode setting will apply to this browser only.

On Off

You can lock Restricted Mode after you sign in

Save

YouTube:

- Scroll to the bottom of any YouTube page
- Choose "On" in the drop-down menu of Restricted Mode
- You can lock the Restricted Mode by signing in to your YouTube account



ICT Lessons at PCPS



Our Primary 1 students started their Computer and New Media Literacy lessons from Semester 2 this year, once a week for 1 hour.

The Primary 1 curriculum will be as follows:

- Basic computer skills
 - Understand parts of the computer and functions
 - Use of a Mouse
 - Keyboarding Skills
 - Login with User IDs and passwords
- Animation (span across Primary 1 and 2)
 - Use of Stop-Motion Animation to produce short animation clips

IT security policy and passwords

The use of IT equipment in the school is governed by a set of IT security policies. Passwords will be changed once every 3 months as part of this requirement.

For our students, this means that their passwords for the MCOOnline Learning Management System will be reset every 3 months. Students will be informed of their new passwords in class.

Here are some tips for parents/guardian to support your child/ward on their IT use and learning:

- a. Help your child/ward memorise their Birth Certificate number as this will be used as the User ID for most of the school-based systems.
- b. If you have changed your child's/ward's password for MCOOnline, please make sure he/she memorises the password to access the system in school. Otherwise their password will be manually reset by the teachers during lessons.
- c. Ensure your child/ward has supervised access to the computer at home when they are doing the online assignments.

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