

Computer Science Education in early years

As early years practitioners you have a really important role in supporting children, staff and parents with using technology safely.

Follow these top tips to ensure children are kept safe.

- Ensure you have filters and monitoring systems in place
- Check websites are suitable for children,
- Use child friendly search engines and apps e.g. Kiddle
- Take part in e-safety campaigns and activities
- Create a parent information board about online safety
- Help parents understand how to keep themselves safe with their online profile
- Provide links and information on useful resources and links for parents e.g. NSPCC, Net Aware guide.



A setting's Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP) or E-Safety policy should cover:

- How the internet is used within the setting
- What the internet is used for within your setting
- Who has access to the internet within your setting
- How the setting ensures everyone is kept safe including staff, parents, children and any other adults visiting the setting e.g. volunteers and students.

The policy should also include an agreement signed by those using the internet, including just for emails, within the setting to follow acceptable usage guidelines.