

DONGLE'S FACTSHEET

S KEEP SAFE



Don't give out your personal information.

Keep your full name, address, mobile number, email address, school name and friends' full names secret. Otherwise people can use this information to contact you.

Your passwords and nicknames should be secret. If you have to give an online screen name or nickname, never use your real name,

and try not to use things that are easy to guess like your parents' names or a pet's name.



When you send a text or photo message from your mobile, your phone number automatically goes with it. So think carefully, especially before sending photos of yourself or friends from your camera-phone.

M DON'T MEET UP

Never meet up with an online friend.

Never arrange to meet an online friend, no matter how well you think you know the other person or however curious you may be.

If you're determined to meet an online friend you should always tell a parent or teacher and make sure they go with you.



The same rule applies to friends you meet over your mobile.

A ACCEPTING EMAILS CAN BE DANGEROUS



Accepting emails or opening files from people you don't know can get you into trouble.

Don't open junk mail.

If they have your email address some websites will send you lots of junk emails trying to sell you things, or messages that make you feel uncomfortable. This is called spamming.

Delete any emails from people or companies that you don't know. If you open an email that

says rude or unpleasant things, you must tell a trusted adult straightaway - and don't reply to it.

You must never send rude or abusive emails to anyone. It's easy to upset someone even if you don't really mean to. They might misunderstand you. Think carefully what you are writing and read it again before you click 'send'.

Accepting text messages, or opening links / files on your mobile from people you don't know, can get you into trouble. They may contain nasty pictures or messages, cost you a lot of money, or even change the settings on your phone.



R RELIABLE?

Beware: people might not be who they say they are.

Chats and message boards are fun, but they can also be dangerous because you don't know who you're talking to. Remember stranger danger - you should use the same rules when you're online.

If you're determined to meet an online friend you should always tell a parent or teacher and make sure they go with you.



Someone sending you a message on your mobile may not be who they say they are. Information you get in a message, or find while using services on your mobile, might not be reliable.



Someone online may not be who they say they are.

T TELL SOMEONE



Tell your parent or carer if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

Always tell an adult if you feel uncomfortable or worried.

Some message boards and chat rooms have an 'alert button' or an email address where you can tell the 'host' (who runs the board) that you're upset about something or someone.

Don't forget you can always log-off and leave the website.

The same rule applies if you are upset or worried by anything when using your mobile.



Social networking sites

It's very important to keep your personal information private when using social networking sites and other website where you can chat to people you don't know in real life. If you decide to register for these site ask a trusted adult to help you find and set the privacy settings to 'friends only'.

When you share information and pictures on social networking sites remember other people can save or even change them and pass them on to others. Don't put anything on the Internet that you wouldn't want your parents, your headteacher or a future employer to see.

Facebook does not allow anyone under 13 years old to register so you should not be on Facebook if you are in primary school.

Talk with your parents......about make the most of the Internet and your mobile phone while staying safe.

Have a look together at the suggestions at www.kidsmart.org.uk.

