



THE BEDIFFERENT FEDERATION
Internet Safety Advice

Dear Families

During this time at home as a family you will be accessing the internet and using the internet as a form of communication. While this communication is very important, we must make sure that we safeguard each other and use this tool responsibly. Therefore, to ensure everyone’s safety, staff will not be taking part in any video/conferencing sessions and will not be in direct contact via email or any other social media communication. Here is a set of guidelines to help you think about online safety at home.

				
<p align="center"><u>Be Safe</u></p> <p>Keep your personal information safe and secret. Think carefully about the information that you share and any pictures that you post online.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Messages</u></p> <p>Remember what you write is a reflection of you. What you write can affect the mental health and wellbeing of others. WhatsApp and other social media messaging services need to be only used to communicate in a positive way. You should not mention the names of others in a negative way.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Appropriate</u></p> <p>Think carefully about whether the internet site you are visiting is appropriate. Is it an educational site? When using WhatsApp and other social media applications, think carefully about what you write. Is it appropriate? Have you been positive? Lastly, have you posted any pictures? Are they appropriate? Are they safe?</p>	<p align="center"><u>Reliable and Responsible</u></p> <p>The internet is full of friendly people and amazing information. However people may say or write things that are untrue. You should be careful about trusting what you see written. You are also responsible for what you write. Make sure you are writing positive messages. Social media should not be a forum for unkind behaviour.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Tell Someone</u></p> <p>Most of the time when you are online you will have fun. However, if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, make sure you tell an adult. After telling an adult you may wish to leave the group or application.</p>