

DIGITAL LITERACY AND E-SAFETY

A TEACHER'S GUIDE

Illegal and Inappropriate content

Your school should have an Acceptable Use Policy. Make sure you and your students know what is allowed and what to do if an inappropriate site or image is accessed by accident. Illegal websites particularly those containing Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation must be reported to the Office of the Regulator (“OOTR”). All other harmful domains, websites or posts can be reported to the Samoa Police Service.

Plagiarism and Copyright

Make sure that your students know about copyright, plagiarism, and the importance of crediting sources when using Internet material.

Cyberbullying

Your school’s anti-bullying policy should include cyberbullying. Make sure you and your students understand how to prevent and report cyberbullying. If there is no anti-bullying policy in existence, perhaps now is the time to propose and implement one.

Firewalls and Security

Worms, viruses and spyware can seriously damage computers and compromise privacy and data. Encourage good practice in your school. Make sure that you protect your passwords and don’t leave machines unattended when you are “logged in”.

Messenger, Social Networking, Trust, Responsibility and Privacy Online

Messenger and Social Networking Sites are great fun, but encourage your students to think about trust, privacy and responsibility when using these sites.

Online Grooming or Inappropriate Contact

Help your students understand how online “grooming” can occur and how sometimes, online friends may not be who they say they are.

Report Abuse

Encourage pupils to report any inappropriate or harassing Internet or mobile messages, and to keep the evidence. If a child feels they are in immediate danger, they should dial **911** for immediate police assistance.

For more information on tackling eSafety and getting the best from the Internet please contact OOTR

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