

WHISPER

Whisper, also found via the Online Safeguarding tab on our website, is a reporting tool that can be used by pupils, parents, relatives or the wider community to alert the school to any online safety concerns they may have. This may be completed anonymously if desired; however, there is also an option for contact details to be provided so that we are able to get in touch with you and follow up on any concerns.

Parents Guides to Social Media

This section includes a series of PDF files providing further information and guidance for you, and your child, covering a range of social media Apps and websites.

Digital Leaders

As a school we keen to develop the role of children as Digital Leaders. Using a training program, run by Childnet, we are preparing a group of children to take on the responsibility for sharing the Online Safety message across the school as well as providing support with technology within the classroom.



Screen Time

While we appreciate the benefits of technology and the importance of children being 21st century learners who know how to safely navigate the online world, we are conscious that some children are also spending an increasing amount of time online or using tablets. There is a great deal of information which you can read which make sensible and practical suggestions regarding this such as <https://www.techadvisor.co.uk/feature/digital-home/how-much-screen-time-for-kids-3520917/> if you would like to find out more.

For more information, please visit online safeguarding pages of our website http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/online_safeguarding/246722

Our curriculum overview can be viewed at http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/our_curriculum_1/177539



Alverton Primary School



Computing

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Computing Curriculum

Computing is the new title for the previous Information, Communication and Technology curriculum (ICT) as identified by the department for Education.

IT supports all areas of learning at Alverton School. Each of the classrooms has an LED screen and Apple TV, or interactive whiteboard, to aid in the delivery of the curriculum and also has direct access to a shared set of iPads. With the introduction of mobile technology, children are now able to share their learning with the whole class using Apple TV to 'air play' their work - a wonderful tool for sharing examples of great work or modelling a task in group settings. There are still some PCs, laptops and other ICT equipment located within the school that are used to further support the children's learning.

The provision of iPads within each classroom has greatly enhanced the children's learning experience. The children are now able to have instant access to the online world in their own classroom and at any time during the day. The suite of Apps available to the children is under constant review by the teachers and computing coordinator as new and exciting technology becomes available. Many of the Apps children have access to, whilst on the school site, are also available for use at home which can be a great help in consolidating children's learning.

How does it work?

Our curriculum is broken down into three key areas: **Computer Science**, **Information Technology** and **Digital Literacy** - within which **Online Safety** features heavily.

Computer Science covers the programming aspects of the curriculum where children will be taught to understand basic algorithms and learn how to detect and correct errors by debugging their programs.

Information Technology enables children to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve data through the use of a variety of software (including the internet).

Digital Literacy learning focuses on the use of information technology beyond school. Using technology safely and respectfully, as well as understanding the opportunities for collaboration and communication that digital technology can provide.

School Website

Our school website contains a range of information and useful links to find out more about the curriculum and how to keep your child safe online. Online safety is at the heart of our computing policy and is taught every term as a minimum. Please visit alverton.org.uk and locate the Online Safeguarding tab to find out more.

Advice for Parents

Useful information from Childnet International grouped into four main areas of risk: Conduct, Content, Contact and Commercialism.



Common Sense Media

A really useful website which enables you to check the age rating as well as read reviews for Apps and games your child may be using. This website can also provide advice when it comes to films, TV and books - all tailored to the specific age group for your child.



How to keep your child safe online

Link to the current issue of the Digital Parenting Magazine. This magazine is updated usually during the Autumn Term and the latest version will be available in PDF format on our website and a small number of paper copies in the school reception.



Think You Know

Another useful website, grouped by age, enabling you to access online safety support for your child in an age appropriate manner.

