Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Online Safety Progression in Knowledge (Reception to Year 6)

Self-Image and Identity

Year Group	Knowledge Progression
Reception	Knows that technology can be used to communicate with others and that trusted adults can help when something online causes concern.
Year 1	Knows that people online may behave differently from people they know in person and that some online behaviour can cause upset.
Year 2	Knows that personal information belongs to them and should not always be shared online.
Year 3	Knows that online identities can be different from real-life identities and that information shared online contributes to a digital footprint.
Year 4	Knows that online identities can be copied, altered or misrepresented.
Year 5	Knows how online activity contributes to reputation and long-term digital identity.
Year 6	Knows how online identity can influence relationships, opportunities and perceptions of individuals.

Online Relationships

Year Group	Knowledge Progression

Reception (F2)	Knows that people can communicate using technology and that trusted adults can help if something online causes worry.
Year 1	Knows that permission should be sought before interacting online in certain situations.
Year 2	Knows that online communication should be respectful and kind.
Year 3	Knows that different forms of online communication require different behaviours.
Year 4	Knows how online communication can affect others positively and negatively.
Year 5	Knows how to recognise unsafe online interactions and identify appropriate responses.
Year 6	Knows how online relationships can differ from face-to-face relationships and understands associated risks.

Online Reputation

Year Group	Knowledge Progression
Reception (F2)	Knows that information can be shared online.
Year 1	Knows that information shared online can be seen by other people.
Year 2	Knows that online information may remain available after it has been shared.
Year 3	Knows that online actions contribute to a digital footprint.
Year 4	Knows that information shared online can be copied, changed and redistributed.
Year 5	Knows how online content can affect personal reputation and how others may view them.
Year 6	Knows the long-term consequences of online activity and the impact of digital reputation on future opportunities.

Online Bullying

Year Group	Knowledge Progression

Reception (F2)	Knows that some behaviour online can make people feel sad, worried or upset and that trusted adults can help.
Year 1	Knows that unkind behaviour can happen online as well as offline.
Year 2	Knows what bullying is and recognises that bullying can happen online.
Year 3	Knows the difference between bullying, unkind behaviour and disagreement.
Year 4	Knows strategies to respond to online bullying safely and appropriately.
Year 5	Knows how to report online bullying and support others who may be experiencing it.
Year 6	Knows the consequences of online bullying and the responsibilities of individuals who witness it.

Managing Online Information

Year Group	Knowledge Progression
Reception (F2)	Knows that the internet can be used to find information.
Year 1	Knows that information can be found online using digital devices.
Year 2	Knows that not all information online is true or accurate.
Year 3	Knows that search engines help users find information on the internet.
Year 4	Knows that search engines organise and rank search results.
Year 5	Knows how keywords influence the information returned by search engines.
Year 6	Knows how to evaluate online information for accuracy, reliability, relevance and bias.

Privacy and Security

Year Group	Knowledge Progression
Reception (F2)	Knows that some information should be kept private.
Year 1	Knows that passwords help to keep accounts, devices and information secure.

Year 2	Knows what personal information is and why it should be protected.
Year 3	Knows how passwords and privacy settings help to protect personal information online.
Year 4	Knows how personal information can be collected, stored and shared online.
Year 5	Knows strategies for managing privacy and protecting personal data in digital environments.
Year 6	Knows how organisations collect, use and store personal information and the importance of informed consent.

Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle

Year Group	Knowledge Progression
Reception (F2)	Knows that technology is part of everyday life.
Year 1	Knows that technology use should be balanced with other activities.
Year 2	Knows that spending too much time on devices can affect wellbeing.
Year 3	Knows that technology can affect emotions, behaviour and relationships.
Year 4	Knows strategies for balancing online and offline activities responsibly.
Year 5	Knows how online experiences and interactions can affect emotional wellbeing.
Year 6	Knows how to maintain positive digital wellbeing and develop healthy technology habits.

Copyright and Ownership

Year Group	Knowledge Progression
Reception (F2)	Knows that things created by others belong to them.
Year 1	Knows that digital content such as pictures, videos and stories is created by people.
Year 2	Knows that online content belongs to its creator and should not be copied without permission.

Year 3	Knows that ownership applies to digital content and that creators should be acknowledged.
Year 4	Knows that copyright protects creative work online and offline.
Year 5	Knows why copyright exists and understands the importance of respecting the work of others.
Year 6	Knows how to use, share and reference digital content legally and ethically while respecting intellectual property rights.