



BAYFIELD SCHOOL

Parent Guide for Safe Digital Use

Parents need to be very conscious of ensuring that their children are safe when using the internet. Here are some guidelines that may be useful when talking to your child about internet safety and how to manage the internet safety of your child at home.

This link will take you to an overview of Security settings and Parental controls on the Vodafone website that was written in conjunction with NetSafe and The Parenting Place - http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howto-guides/parental_controls.html

Social Media

- Social Media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter are restricted to 13 years and over (therefore no Bayfield students should have any of these accounts)
- If parents choose to ignore this regulation and allow their children to have accounts, parents need to be aware of passwords, discuss appropriate content and comments and regularly check the content with their children
- Facebook, Instagram, snapchat and Twitter all have privacy and security settings that can be locked down to allow only friends to view, comment or add photos.
- Accounts can also be set up so that comments need to be authorised before posting
- The Vodafone website has step by step guides to setting up privacy settings for Social Media - http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howto-guides/safety_privacy_social_networks.html

Email Accounts

- If your child has an email account, it can be useful to have the account linked to your own accounts
- One suggestion may be to have emails copied to your email account or setting up the account on your phone as well

Setting up using Credit cards

- When setting up iTunes or Trademe accounts, or any account that a credit card is needed to set it up, make sure that you remove the numbers or select the option that does not remember the details

Internet Searches

- Internet Explorer – The content advisory facilities in the Microsoft Family settings (you can block sites and words here)
- Google Chrome - A Supervised User account lets you block websites you don't want your child to use and for you to see the pages they've visited.
 1. In the top right of your browser window, click the Chrome menu icon, then click Settings.
 2. Under Users, click Add Person and choose a picture and name for the new user.
 3. Tick Control to create a supervised account, then click Add. You'll receive an email which will help you set up restrictions and review the new user's browsing history.
- Vodafone Parental Controls for Web browsers - http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howtoguides/parental_controls_webbrowser.html
- Safety controls on Search Engines - http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howto-guides/safety_controls_search_engines.htm

Parental Control Settings on Smartphones/Tablets

- Parents can set up controls on both smartphones and tablets to ensure safe use
- Here are the guides for iPhone, android phones and Windows phone
http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howtoguides/parental_controls_childs_devices.html

Parental Controls on Home Internet

- Although the Vodafone website is based on UK internet providers, the settings are the same for NZ internet versions of Vodafone, Spark (BT)
- If you are not sure how to set up parents controls – contact your internet provider, they should have a clear guideline
http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents/howtoguides/parental_controls_home_internet.html