



# Internet Safety @ Bellevue School

**"The internet offers your child a wealth of education and learning opportunities, entertainment, and exciting ways to connect to friends and family. Many children are now beginning to explore this exciting online world at a very young age.**

**Learning how to utilise information, behave ethically and responsibly, manage risks online and employ technology effectively, are important skills for all 'digital citizens'."**

At Bellevue School we use ICT tools to engage students in learning. We are teaching them to act in a safe and responsible way on the internet. As part of many class programmes, use of the school website is important. This includes publishing their work and sharing their learning. We are trying to encourage ALL children to have permission to be visible on the website. This involves having the occasional picture on the website (captioned but not named) and sharing their learning, with references only to children's first names.

If you have concerns about giving your child permission to be on the website, please contact you child's teacher and make a time to discuss it with them.

**Teaching children to be safe online is the same as teaching them to be safe in the neighbourhood or on the road "[www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com)"**

## **Protecting your child**

- We have Watchdog running on our school server. This blocks inappropriate sites from being viewed.
- Children are only permitted to use the internet when a teacher is in the room
- Children sign a cyber safety agreement which outlines how to be a safe and responsible user and are taught safety procedures when using the internet
- Only teachers add children's learning and photos to the school website
- Bellevue School has a detailed policy and guidelines on what is appropriate content to add to the website
- The computers and ICT tools are used only for education use.
- Only first names will be published on the website

If you would more information on internet safety at home go to [www.hectorsworld.com](http://www.hectorsworld.com)