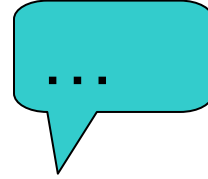# Childnet's TOP TIPS for Parents of Primary Children

Use the tools…

- Teach Childnet's SMART rules to your children or come up with your own and stick them up near your family's computer.
- Set up "favourites" on your web browser and show your children how to use them.
- Talk about what your family does to steer clear of viruses.
- Use a family email account for signing up for things online or shopping online.
- Mobiles and games consoles generally have inbuilt safety features for children, ask the retailer about them.

Use your brain…

- Teach your children that there are strangers on the internet just like in real life.
- Explore MSN with your children and become one of their online 'friends'.
- Speak to your child's friends' parents about your rules and agree together ages when you all think children should have access to MSN and other chat functions.
- Model safe online decision-making to teach your children that responsible behaviour is important.
- Manage your child's time online by talking with them about other real life activities they can participate in.

Talk things through…

- Discuss with your children what they should do if they or someone they know is being bullied online.
- Talk to your children about what they should do if they see something "yucky" online:
  - Click on Hector the Protector visit **www.thinkuknow.co.uk**
  - Turn off the screen
  - Tell an adult
- Talk to your children about what information they need to keep safe online such as their name, where they go to school, and where they live.