


Time	Typical activity	Risks	School action	Possible parental action
	Internet research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accidentally access inappropriate sites/see inappropriate images Waste time with ineffective searching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students taught how to search the Internet effectively 	Discussion about action if they find pornographic material on Internet eg accidentally clicking on inappropriate site
	Mobile phone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> texting taking /sharing photos/videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone confiscated if used in school hours Bullying/cyber bullying Downloading/transmitting virus to mobile phone (accesses contacts list) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School policy on phone use School policy on bullying Assemblies Broadcasts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install and update software to protect/filter on home computer Awareness/support of school policies Awareness of chat acronyms
	Emailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive emailing Misusing email eg to bully others Victim of cyber bullying Downloading/transmitting viruses/malware Receipt of spam/junk email & texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr7/8 ICT taught rules for sensible emailing Internet access monitored, sites or email blocked / suspended Monitoring software detects prohibited words Filtering software prevents access to banned sites Internet safety taught by ICT teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about sensible use of mobile phone/email Immediate contact if school-based bullying / cyber bullying suspected
	Mobile phone - Uploading of photos/video onto social sites eg			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed about action if they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contacted by people they don't know Feeling uncomfortable about anything received electronically
	Chat rooms and online gaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive use Wasting time Sense of unreality Meeting people who are pretending to be someone else 	Chat rooms are blocked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above PLUS: Show where the Report Abuse button is located
	Social networking sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer pressure ("How many 'friends' have you got?") Grooming by predators Some employers and university admissions tutors scan social networking sites to see if a candidate's name is associated with derogatory or abusive text or photos. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advantages and disadvantages of Internet etc taught to all 6th form students Assemblies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know where your children are and who they are chatting with. Install parental control software. Check browser history.
	Sharing documents, images, videos, audio files	Downloading viruses / malware eg password sniffers (software that captures a user's keystrokes and passwords – or helps pass control of a user's computer to criminals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firewall protection against virus attack Up-to-date anti-virus protection All students taught about copyright, plagiarism, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install good anti-virus software and regularly update it Check your privacy settings
	Online purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identity theft Fraud 	Advantages and disadvantages of Internet etc taught to all 6 th form students including use of safe passwords, password sniffers, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family discussion on safe online purchasing eg using one particular credit card, safe passwords, judging whether a site is reputable, etc

Quick guide to some of the more popular social networking sites (NB this list is not exhaustive)

Image and video hosting websites	Flickr – photo sharing; YouTube – video sharing Websites that store your images, photos, audio files so that others can see them. Access can be public and private depending on the settings decided. Difficult to remove forever – so members need to remember that once uploaded it is likely to be on the web forever – and also that others can download the files for their own use/ uploading elsewhere.
Social networking site	MySpace, FaceBook, Faceparty, Bebo, Twitter A social space where you can meet new people, chat with friends, share photos, share videos, post ‘blogs’ about their interests, family, friends, etc A profile is a personal web page; a collection of information that describes an individual’s interests. Members can link their profiles through networks of ‘friends’ and then view each other’s profiles. Profiles can contain names, nicknames, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, photos, videos, personal interests, favourite music, names of schools, sports teams and friends. Default settings on most social networking sites are to make this information public. However even the private settings are not secure. Digital footprint starts to be created. To join they need an email address and a date of birth that fits any restrictions.... Also includes facility to send emails and instant messages or join chatrooms. Status thing is to have lots of friends (but do they know them all?)
Chatroom	Teenchat, teenspot, Yahoo! chat A site on the internet where users can communicate in real time. Online spaces where users (teenagers?) can text one another, meet new friends, share stories, get advice, etc. Public rooms and private rooms are available. Private rooms are unmoderated and are definitely to be avoided. General rule – would you want to be spoken to like that in real life?
Blogs	Blogger, Blogspot Short for weblog. An online diary about their interests, opinions, concerns, family, friends, etc. Gives information about daily life. Can provide a predator with useful information about the individual. Digg - Social news site. People nominate interesting news stories or blog posts
Virtual worlds	Second Life, Teen Second Life (for 13-18 year olds), Habbo Hotel (appeals to 9 yr olds). A virtual world where residents can interact with each other through avatars. You can explore this virtual world and meet new people. Can trade using Linden dollars (the internal currency). CEOP has a room there where members can get advice.
Online gaming	MMORPG = Massively multiplayer online role-playing game. Virtual world where members can chat, play online games and activities. Computer generated role-playing game where a lot of players interact with one another in a virtual world. Club Penguin (Disney) Uses cartoon penguins as avatars. World of War Craft (WoW) has 11.5 million monthly subscribers. Users can speak to one another as well as play against one another in packs/gangs. Users can become addicted/divorced from the real world. RuneScape – most popular free MMORPG, fantasy game. Halo3 game played on Xbox360
Instant messaging	MSN, Windows Live, Yahoo! Messenger, Initially created to speed up communications between people in large organisations. People can have private conversations online. Emoticons frequently used to express emotions. ☺ Status thing is to have lots of contacts. Pressure to accept new friends, even if they don’t recognise the nickname (note: the default is to accept anyone who requests to be your friend). Can delete or block ‘friends’ you don’t want.
GyPSii	NEW! Mobile phone with inbuilt GPS device that tracks where your contacts are on a map. Shows where your ‘friends’ are in relation to you.
NOTE	Moderators do exist in most of these environs but users are very good at using methods to avoid scrutiny. The Report Abuse button is placed strategically on most of these sites. View it as an online 999 where you can file a report. Please note: the reports can be traced and all are followed up (even if only to see if the child is safe).

Top Internet/text acronyms. (There are lots more with sexual connotations)

A/S/L	Age/sex/location
ADR or addy	Address
B4N	Bye for now
BRB	Be right back
Ciao	Goodbye
CUL	See you later
EG	Evil grin
G2G	Got to go
J/K	Just kidding
Kewl	Cool
KFY	Kiss for you
KPC	Keeping parents clueless
LMIRL	Let's meet in real life
LOL	Laugh out loud
Muah	(Sound of a kiss)
MOOS	Members of the opposite sex
MOSS or MOTSS	Members of the same sex
NM	Nothing much or never mind
PAW	Parents are watching
P911	Parent alert
PBM	Parent behind me
PIR	Parent in room
POS	Parent over shoulder
ROTFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
SorG	Straight or Gay
SWAK	Sealed with a kiss
Wat up	What's up?
WUF	Where are you from?
WYCM	Will you call me?