Top Internet Manners
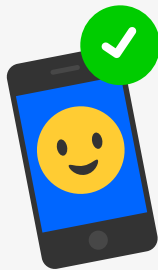
As the online world becomes a bigger part of our daily lives, it's important to make sure we all, especially our children learn the difference between good and bad behaviour online.

To get started see our top internet manners to encourage us all to make the online world a kinder place to be.

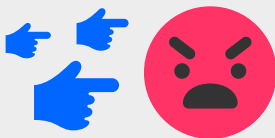**1.** Treat others as **you would like to be treated**

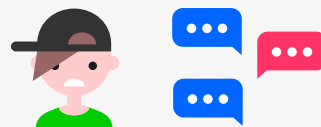**2.** If you wouldn't say it to someone in person, **don't say it online**

3. People can't see your facial expressions or hear the tone of your voice online so **don't over-use icons and punctuation** to convey meaning
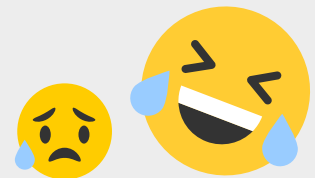
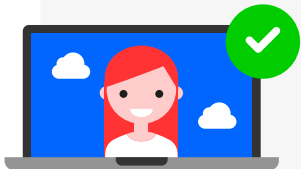**4.** **Don't make a situation worse** by provoking people even more

5. **Don't start rumours or spread gossip** about someone online
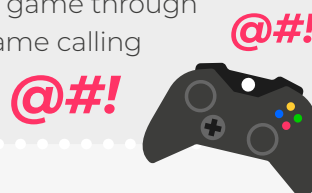
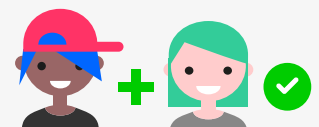**6.** **Don't make fun** of someone in an online chat

7. Post things that will **inspire and motivate people** in a positive way

8. Make sure you **don't create a negative environment** in an online world or game through name calling
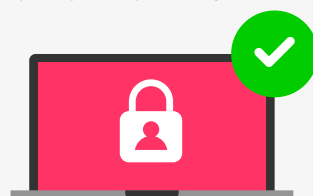
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9. **Include people** in online games and social forums, and don't intentionally leave people out

10. You can't retrieve material once it's sent or posted online so if it might embarrass you or someone, **don't put it online**

11. **Respect** other people's privacy

12. Respect other people's time and bandwidth by **avoiding posting too much information**