

Parent FAQ: AI Safety

What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

AI refers to computer systems that can perform tasks that usually require human intelligence, such as recognising patterns, generating text or images, or making decisions. These technologies are increasingly present in apps, games, and educational tools children use.

Is AI safe for children to use?

AI can be safe when used within platforms that follow strong safeguarding, filtering, and monitoring standards. Schools must ensure systems meet DfE expectations, including the 'Plan technology for your school' tool, which helps review filtering and monitoring arrangements. This aligns with strengthened KCSIE 2025 expectations for digital safety.

What are the risks of AI for children?

Risks include exposure to misinformation, disinformation, or manipulated content; AI-generated material that may be inappropriate; privacy concerns; and children relying on AI without understanding how it works. Updated KCSIE 2025 guidance includes these expanded online risks.

How does the school keep AI use safe?

We follow DfE guidance on generative AI in education, ensuring staff understand both opportunities and risks. We also ensure safe filtering and monitoring systems to limit exposure to harmful content and teach pupils critical thinking skills to identify unreliable or false information.

What should parents watch for at home?

Parents should encourage open conversations about what their child sees online, help them question sources, supervise use of AI-enabled apps, and remind children never to share personal information. Using family filters and monitoring tools adds further protection.

How can I talk to my child about AI?

Keep conversations simple and reassuring. Explain that AI sometimes makes mistakes or creates things that are not real. Encourage them to ask an adult whenever they feel unsure, confused, or uncomfortable about something they see online.