



2BeSafe Parent Information: Privacy and Security

Introduction to 2BeSafe

At school, we help children learn how to stay safe in today's fast-changing digital world through 2BeSafe, a programme created by 2Simple on Purple Mash. Based on the national Education for a Connected World guidance, 2BeSafe covers eight key areas that prepare children for life online. Children will take part in short sessions across the year, giving them clear teaching points and time to reflect and discuss their digital choices.

Privacy and Security

When children go online, they might share personal information without realising how it might be used. This strand teaches them what personal data is, how it can be shared, and why it needs protecting.

From the early years, children learn what information is safe to share and who with, before moving on to topics such as passwords, privacy settings, app permissions, and connected devices.

What the Children will be Learning:

Reception: Children learn to recognise simple examples of personal information, such as their name, age, or birthday. They begin to understand who they can safely share this information with and why it is important to trust those people.

Year 1: Children are introduced to the idea of passwords and how they help protect information, accounts, and devices. They learn to recognise more detailed personal information, such as where they live or go to school, and are taught that they should always ask a trusted adult before sharing any of this online.

Year 2: Children develop their understanding of passwords and learn rules for keeping personal information private. They talk about what it means for something to be “private,” practise creating and protecting passwords, and learn that many devices in the home are connected to the internet, such as toys, TVs, or even fridges.



Ways to Support Your Child at Home

- Talk about personal information** – Help your child identify what details are private (such as their full name, address, school, or date of birth) and why they should be protected.
- Model safe sharing** – Show that you also think before posting photos or personal details online.
- Teach about passwords** – Encourage your child to create strong, memorable passwords and explain why they should never be shared with friends.
- Check devices together** – Explore privacy settings on apps, games, and devices, and show your child how these can help keep information safe.
- Discuss app permissions** – When downloading apps, talk about why they ask for access to photos, contacts, or location, and decide together whether this is appropriate.
- Explain online scams** – Teach children that some messages, links, or emails are designed to trick people into giving away money or information. Show them how to spot suspicious content.
- Highlight the importance of updates** – Remind children (and model yourself) that keeping apps and software updated helps protect against security risks.
- Keep conversations open** – Let your child know they can always come to you if they feel unsure or pressured to share information, or if they've clicked on something by mistake.