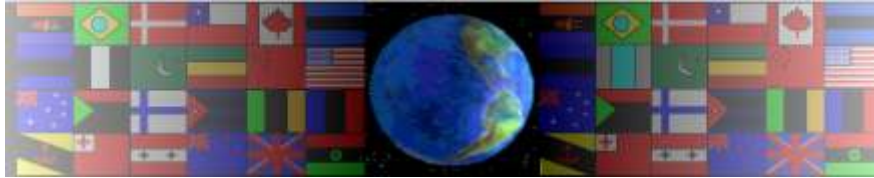# THE INTERNET - USES AND DANGERS

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THE INTERNET - USES AND DANGERS

There is little doubt that the internet is an extremely useful tool. It can be used to research almost any topic, to book holidays, to help pupils with homework and to help people keep in touch.

1. Describe some of the ways you use the internet in school. You may wish to describe how you have used the internet in some of your lessons.

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2. Describe some of the ways you use the internet at home and as a part of your social life. The key words/phrases below may help you answer this question.

EMAILS   SOCIAL NETWORKS   RESEARCH   SHOPPING   BLOGGING

CREATING A WEBSITE   MAPS AND DIRECTIONS   CHAT ROOMS

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3. Although the internet is an amazing resource and most people use it productively, the internet can be a dangerous place if we are not careful. Describe ways in which the internet has been misused by criminals, putting people in danger.

IDENTITY THEFT   GROOMING / CHAT ROOMS   IMPERSONATING OTHERS

CREDIT FRAUDS   COMPUTER VIRUSES   DATA THEFT   COMPUTER HACKING

BULLYING   GAMBLING   EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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4. Below are a selection of symbols aimed at making people, especially children, aware of the dangers of the internet. Design your own symbol. It should alert internet uses to the dangers of the internet or a specific aspect of the internet (such as chat rooms).

ROUGH DESIGN

FINAL COLOUR RENDERED DESIGN

Explain what your design of symbol means and how it will alert the public to the dangers of the internet.

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