



# Sir John Hunt Community Sports College

## E-SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Children need to be supervised in their use of the Internet. There are people who will approach youngsters, both boys and girls, via the Internet. Here are some pointers to help you to keep a check on what your children are doing on their computer.

- ***Try to position the child's computer in the main part of the house.***
- ***Many of your children will talk to others using MSN – instant messenger. Ask them if they are ever approached by strangers.***
- ***Children should not accept a contact as a 'friend' if they do not know who the person is.***
- ***If the computer/laptop is in your child's bedroom check on what they are doing. Have regular conversations with them about who they have been talking to online.***
- ***Your child may be part of a social networking site. The two most popular sites are Bebo and Facebook.***
- ***Ask your child to show you any images they may have posted on their Bebo or Facebook pages. Children should only upload images they would be happy with members of the family seeing.***
- ***Check their privacy settings on their Bebo or Facebook accounts.***
- ***Discuss the use of the webcam. Any image which appears on a computer screen can be captured at the press of one key on the keyboard and can be sent to others all over the world.***

Further useful information can be gained on the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre website where there are different sections for children, teachers and parents.

The website address is: [www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk).