

Parents who care:

Cyberspace and social media offer exciting opportunities to create new networks, to share uplifting messages and to explore the world. It also opens up new platforms for schools to enjoy richer experiences.

It is important though, that parents and learners are aware of the opportunities and risks associated with cyberspace to not only protect the young minds, but also to guide them on their journey.

Keep the following in mind:

- Be involved and have regular conversations with your child about the risks when using social media.
- Even though social media opens many exciting doors, we need to choose carefully in terms of WHO we connect with and WHAT we share with them.
- Read the Terms and Conditions and understand the Community Rules of the Apps in use.
- Review the photos on your child's devices to ensure it is appropriate and cannot put anyone in danger or embarrass them.
- Report child pornography immediately to help protect the person in photo and to stop it from being shared (www.fpb.org.za).
- Understand what the law says and how it applies to you and your child.
- Set a good example and THINK before you 'post', 'like', 'share' or 'tweet'. Remember, your children might be able to see what you posted when they are older. It is also important for everyone to consider the impact your digital footprint and current actions could have on your future.
- Be aware of pedophiles and other criminals who also access the same platforms and who are looking for uninformed victims to expose and exploit.
- Have a look at available videos and information on cyberbullying and related issues to equip you and your child with the tools needed to deal with it appropriately.
- Consider Parental Control Apps to assist you in keeping an eye on your child's online activities and to add another layer of protection.
- Communicate responsibly on social media networks and report any suspicious and intrusive behaviour.

*Remember, your value is not determined by what is being said online,
because each person is unique in his or her own way.*



SaveTNet Cyber Safety is a for-purpose company, which creates awareness for responsible digital engagement. Cyberbullying and related cyber issues are big focus areas, because many young people are committing suicide because of it.

For more information please visit www.SaveTNet.com or contact info@SaveTNet.com for support.
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