

# Top Internet Manners

Teaching manners to children in the digital world is not as easy as "please" and "thank you". As the online world becomes a bigger part of our everyday lives, it's important to make sure we all, especially our children learn the difference between good and bad behaviour online.

To get started, here are some top internet manners that will help both adults and children make the internet a safer and kinder place to be.

**1** Treat others as you would like to be treated

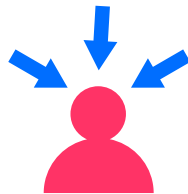


**2** If you wouldn't say it to someone in person, don't say it online

**3** People can't see your body language, facial expressions or hear the tone of your voice online so don't over-use icons and punctuation to convey meaning



**4** Don't make a situation worse by provoking people even more



**5** Don't start rumours



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or spread gossip about someone online



**6** Don't make fun of someone in an online chat

**7** Post things that will inspire and motivate people in a positive way

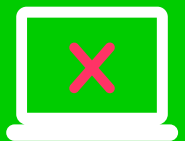
**8** Make sure you don't create a negative environment in an online world or game through name calling



**9** Include people in online games and social forums, and don't intentionally leave people out



**10** You can't retrieve material once it's sent or posted online so if it might embarrass you or someone, don't put it online



**11** Respect other people's privacy



**12** Respect other people's time and bandwidth by avoiding posting too much information

