



Be Connected



Netiquette

Learn as a Family

What is Netiquette?

Netiquette (a blend of “Net” or internet, and “etiquette”) are rules or good manners that facilitate online interactions. Remember, behind every screen is a human being with feelings.

Why is it important?

Online actions can affect others both positively and negatively. These rules contribute to making a better, more respectful, and useful place online, preventing misunderstandings and conflicts. They are particularly important because non-verbal cues like tone of voice or facial expressions are absent online.

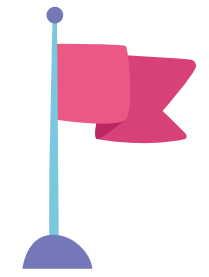
How can we follow good Netiquette?

THINK
before you post!

- T** Is it **True**? Sharing accurate information builds trust and credibility. Posting false information can mislead others and damage your reputation.
- H** Is it **Helpful**? Ensure what you post is helpful, to contribute positively.
- I** Is it **Inspiring**? Motivate others, spread positivity, and uplift people’s spirits. It can make a difference in someone’s day or life.
- N** Is it **Necessary**? Does it add value to your relationship with that person or the society.
- K** Is it **Kind**? Kindness promotes a positive online environment. It encourages respectful and constructive interactions.

Goal

Use proper online netiquette, be respectful, fair and responsible when posting online



Action Plan

Scavenger hunt for poor netiquette:

- With an adult, go through a social media platform you or your parents use.
- Find examples that show poor netiquette and convey/portray a negative image.
- Explain why these are poor netiquette behaviours.
- Make a list of acceptable online behaviours.



Consider

- What are the differences between online and face to face interactions?
- Would you behave differently in different online contexts (family, friends, work/colleagues)?
- What impression do you think you give in your social media platforms?

Go further

Some examples of Netiquette rules:

- Use respectful language, inclusive to all, to avoid inadvertently hurting others’ feelings.
- What you think is funny, may be very hurtful to others. Remember what you say and share matters.
- Re-read your message before sending, and ask yourself if you would you say the same to the person’s face. If not, don’t send it!
- Respect yourself and others. Don’t share private information and ask for permission before posting or sharing photos.
- Stop the spread of misinformation or rumors, fact-check first.
- If someone says something that hurts your feelings, step away and calm down before responding.

Debrief as a family

- ➔ What went well?
- ➔ What was tricky?
- ➔ What are our next steps?



- [Netiquette for Kids](#)
- [14 Netiquette rules online students should know](#)