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Here's how... to teach your child to use online content responsibly.

The internet offers unlimited resources to support your child's learning – from written information to images to music. However, it's important that they understand how to use responsibly the content they find.

Work through the ideas on this card to talk with your child about using online content for schoolwork and leisure.

Doing homework

Discuss why copying and pasting other people's work off the internet is:

- tempting
- wrong.

Talk about the difference between research and copying off websites.

Things to do together:

- Take a page that interests you from the internet.
- Rewrite it in your own words and state where you got the information or ideas.

Picture this

Ask your child to show you how to copy and paste an image from the internet to illustrate a piece of class work.

Have a go yourself.

Things to do together:

- Go back to the page where you found the image.
- What does it say about using the images ('copyright')?
- If there is any doubt about the copyright, discuss the use of the image.

Downloading and sharing

Find out what your child's attitude is towards:

- downloading music, movies, images etc
- sharing this kind of content with friends without paying for it.

Things to do together:

- Discuss why shoplifting or receiving stolen goods is wrong.
- Ask your child to compare this with illegal downloading/ sharing.