



Keeping ourselves safe policy.



Everyone has the right to feel safe, be heard, and be the best version of themselves, despite any adversity they may face. At Minerva Primary School, we will support children to achieve this by focusing on our core values of Compassion, Collaboration, Courage, and Excellence.

The right to...















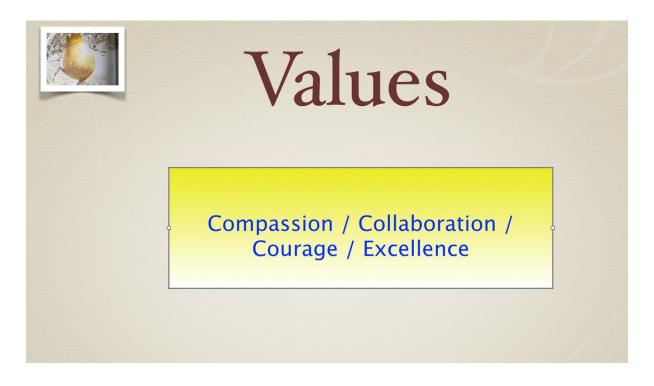
'Growing together, making the impossible... possible'

Attendance

Every child, in school, every day.

Remember, it is ok to come to school with a cold or cough, your parent/carer may bring in some cough medicine or Calpol if it helps you throughout the day. If you are off school, we will call your parent/carer to make sure you are ok, we may also come and visit you at home.

Feeling safe at school









No mobiles allowed on school site



All staff and visitors will wear a lanyard, tell an adult if you see a visitor without one.

Child on Child abuse

Children can be unkind to other children by saying or doing unkind things because of various things including their religion, (dis) ability, gender, race, skin colour. This may happen face to face or online. This is not acceptable and will NOT be tolerated at our school.

Bullying

When incidents continue for Several Times On Purpose (STOP), it is called bullying. This can happen outside of school as well as on school site. This must always be reported to an adult in school or a trusted adult outside of school. Minerva will NOT tolerate this behaviour at our school.



Compassion / Collaboration / Courage / Excellence



If you feel unsafe at school, you must always speak with an adult either in class, or on the playground. Tell them what is making you feel unsafe, worried or sad. Staff in school are ALL here to help you. Mr Nation, Mrs Glenn and Mrs Caldecott have done some extra training and can support you if something is worrying you.



Staying safe in the community

Not everyone in the community is safe, remember not to speak to strangers or go with somebody that you do not know. If you are worried, speak to a trusted adult.

Trusted adults are people like:





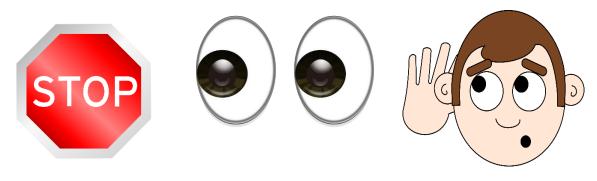








Always remember your road safety



Then, walk across the road safely.



Remember not to talk to strangers.

Exploitation

Children can be exploited in many ways. If children are asked to deliver drugs, this is called **County Lines**, this is dangerous, and children can get seriously hurt. Sometimes children can be asked to carry weapons for someone else, this is called criminal **exploitation**.

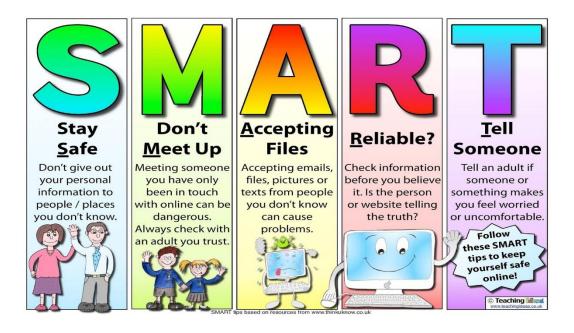
NEVER agree to deliver or carry anything for someone you do not know, even if they offer to pay you for doing it. It is NOT SAFE.

If you ever feel worried about anything, speak to a trusted adult, they will ALWAYS be able to HELP you.





Staying safe online



Remember that gaming could involve playing against people you do not know, ask your parents to check your privacy settings. Only play against people that you already know offline.



And always play games that are meant for your age.





Do you recognise these logos, all apps that many children use. The ones below are recommended for children aged 13+



This one is for children aged 16+

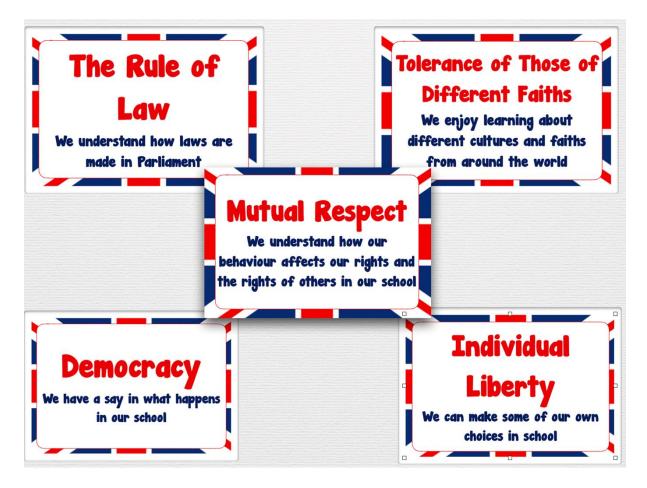


No child at Minerva is old enough to use these apps. However, many children are using them. If you are using these apps, other people will think you are older than you are and you are at risk of seeing something that is not appropriate for your age.





Remember the British Values



We can all stay safe when we follow instructions, uphold our values and tell a trusted adult whenever we feel worried.

