Carnegie Cadets:
The MySecureCyberspace Game

Hint Sheet 06

Netiquette Tips

Netiquette is the etiquette of the Internet, simple rules for how you should act in Cyberspace that keep things polite and help everyone get along. Here's some tips for being a good Cyber Citizen and practicing good Netiquette:

1 Ask Before you Post

Always ask permission before posting about someone or sharing an email, photo, or chat conversation, and make sure that it does not contain any personal information.

2 Pay Attention to Format

Check for typos or other mistakes before you post or send a message. Use emoticons like ;) and acronyms like LOL to get your message across in the right spirit. Avoid using ALL CAPS, it means you are shouting.

3 Be polite and respectful of others

Keep messages short, polite, and to the point. Don't spam people with multiple messages or waste their time. Try not to use too much chat slang if you think the other person won't understand it.

4 Be a Champion, not a Chump

Be helpful and courteous to others and don't be a cyber bully. If someone is being rude to you, be the better person. Talk to a trusted adult, block them, or simply walk away. If they are bullying someone else, don't join in and make it worse. Be supportive and positive and try to help the victim if you can.