

Mobile Phones

Using your mobile phone is another really fun way of chatting with your friends and family.

You can use it to talk to people, you can send text messages and you can send picture and video messages. You can choose different ringing tones and message tones, so your phone can be personal to you. Most phones that people have now also have a camera built in, so you can take pictures anytime you like, and either store them on your phone, or send them to friends,

Texting is a great way of staying in touch with friends and family, but sometimes people send nasty messages which can be mean and upsetting. They can be from people you know, and also from people you don't know.

Sometimes people send junk text messages like adverts to peoples phone numbers, these are called Spam messages. If you receive messages from people you don't know you should tell an adult.

Remember never reply to a spam text message or text message from someone you don't know, as the person who has sent may keep on sending these messages to you. The messages may also have viruses in them and this can stop you using your phone.

You should never send a picture message to anyone you don't know in the real world.- even if you have been talking to them online and think you know them, or someone you have met through a friend. You never really know who they are if you haven't met them face to face. If someone asks you to send them a picture message and you don't know who they are you should tell a trusted adult.

Never give your mobile number to anyone who you don't know in the real world. People sometimes lie about who they are to trick people into giving them their mobile number and personal details, like their school and where they live.