

COMPUTING · GRADES 3–5

Passwords & Online Safety

Stay safe online

A strong password is...

- At least 12 characters long
- Includes numbers
- NOT a real word
- DIFFERENT for every account you have
- Mixes UPPER and lower case letters
- Includes special characters (! ? @ # \$)
- NOT your name, birthday or pet's name
- Stored somewhere safe (a password manager — not a sticky note)

Weak vs strong

Weak password	Strong password
password	C@ttailB1lue#Tree
123456	Sn0w!Bridge42\$
fluffy	purple-Hoot-3-cl0ud
mybirthday	f0rEst-Kite-99!

Things to NEVER share online

- Your full name
- Your school's name
- Photos of you in your school uniform
- Your home address
- Your phone number
- Where you'll be on a specific date



- Your password — even with your best friend
- Anything you wouldn't want every adult you know to read

If something goes wrong

If anyone online makes you uncomfortable, ASKS for personal info, sends weird messages, or you click a link you regret — don't panic and don't try to fix it alone. Tell a trusted adult straight away. They won't be angry. They want to help. The faster you tell, the easier it is to fix.

