



Artificial Intelligence (AI): A Parent Guide

Help your child make the most of AI – safely, responsibly
and with confidence.



What is AI?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is technology that can perform tasks that normally require human thinking. Children may already be using AI without realising it through:

- Voice assistants such as Siri or Alexa
- Search engines
- Online games
- Video and music recommendations
- Chatbots and AI tools that can answer questions or generate content



AI is becoming a regular part of everyday life and can be a useful tool when used safely and responsibly.

How Can AI Help Children?

AI can support learning by helping children to:

- Find information quickly
- Explain difficult concepts
- Generate ideas for creative projects
- Practise spelling, writing and maths skills
- Explore new interests and hobbies



When used appropriately, AI can be a helpful learning tool alongside the guidance of parents and teachers.

What Are the Risks?

Like all online technology, AI comes with some risks.

Children may:

- Receive information that is incorrect or misleading.
- Mistakenly believe everything an AI tool says is true.
- Share personal information with AI tools.
- Encounter content that is not suitable for their age.
- Become over-reliant on AI rather than developing their own thinking and problem-solving skills.



It is important that children understand that AI can make mistakes and should not replace their own learning, creativity or judgement.

How Can Parents Support Safe AI Use?



Talk About AI

Ask your child:

- Have you used AI before?
- What do you use it for?
- What do you like about it?
- Do you know that AI can sometimes make mistakes?



Encourage Critical Thinking

Remind children to:

- Check information using trusted sources.
- Ask an adult if they are unsure about something.
- Think carefully about whether information sounds accurate.



Protect Personal Information

Children should never share:

- Their full name
 - Home address
 - School name
 - Phone number
 - Passwords
 - Photographs or personal details
- with AI tools or online services.



Use AI Together

Where possible:

- Explore new AI tools with your child.
- Discuss the information they receive.
- Help them understand how to use AI safely and responsibly.



Set Clear Expectations

Encourage children to:

- Use AI to support learning, not do all the work for them.
- Be honest about using AI for homework or projects.
- Continue developing their own ideas, creativity and problem-solving skills.

Our Approach at School



At Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School, we recognise that AI is becoming an increasingly important part of children's digital lives. We teach pupils how to use technology safely, responsibly and respectfully, while helping them develop the critical thinking skills needed to navigate the online world confidently.

As with all aspects of online safety, we believe that the best protection comes from a strong partnership between school and home.

Key Message for Children



"AI can be a useful helper, but it is not a replacement for your own thinking. Always check information, stay safe online and speak to a trusted adult if something does not seem right."



Useful Questions for Parents to Ask

- What AI tools have you used recently?
- How do you know the information is correct?
- Would you feel comfortable showing me what you have been doing?
- Have you shared any personal information?
- What would you do if an AI tool gave you an answer that worried or confused you?



By having regular conversations and showing an interest in your child's online life, you can help them develop safe and responsible habits that will support them both now and in the future. 😊