

Statement of Intent – What we want our children to gain from Computing lessons

We wish to give our pupils the life-skills that will enable them to embrace and utilise new technology in a socially responsible and safe way. We encourage our children to become autonomous, independent users of computing technologies, gaining confidence and enjoyment from their activities so that it is an integral part of their life.

Whilst taught as a stand-alone subject, Computing is also valued as a teaching and learning tool across the curriculum. It significantly enhances teaching and learning in all subjects by enabling rapid access to knowledge, information and experiences from a wide range of sources. We endeavour to teach pupils to be selective in their choice of information sources and we understand that not everything on the Internet is valid.

Internet safety is an integral part of all Computing taught at St. Michael's and we strive to ensure our children and parents know of the risks associated with the Internet however are able to work safely and confidently, knowing how to act upon any issue which may arise.

BIG IDEAS

E SAFETY – I am a technology user because I can use technology responsibly and know how to stay safe online.

CODING – I am a technology user because I can use logical thinking to create and debug algorithms and programs.

COMMUNICATION – I am a technology user I can use technology to express myself and present my ideas to others.