



Supporting Children to Use AI Safely, Responsibly and Confidently



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an increasingly common part of everyday life. Many children are already using AI-powered tools to search for information, create images, complete homework and interact online.

At Ashford Oaks Primary School, we believe AI can be a valuable educational tool when used appropriately. However, as with all online technology, children need guidance to use it safely and responsibly.



What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to computer systems that can generate text, answer questions, create images, summarise information and perform tasks that would normally require human intelligence.

Examples include AI chatbots, image generators, voice assistants and learning platforms.

How Ashford Oaks Primary School Supports Safe AI Use

As part of our commitment to online safety, we help pupils to:

- Understand what AI is and how it works.
- Recognise that AI can make mistakes.
- Protect their personal information.
- Think critically about online content.
- Use technology respectfully and responsibly.
- Develop the knowledge and skills needed for an increasingly digital world.



AI education is delivered alongside our wider online safety curriculum.



How Parents Can Help

Talk About AI

Have regular conversations with your child about what AI is, how it works and when it is appropriate to use it. Encourage curiosity while reminding them that AI can make mistakes.

Protect Personal Information

Please remind your child never to share personal or sensitive information with AI tools, including:

- Full name
- Home address
- School details
- Telephone number
- Passwords
- Photographs or videos
- Personal or family information

If an AI tool asks for personal information, children should stop and speak to a trusted adult.

Encourage Critical Thinking

AI-generated responses are not always accurate, complete or up to date.

Encourage your child to:

- Check facts using trusted sources.
- Ask a teacher if they are unsure.
- Think critically about the information they receive.
- Understand that AI should support learning rather than replace it.

Promote Responsible Use

Children should use AI ethically and honestly.

They should:

- Use AI to support research and learning.
- Complete their own schoolwork wherever possible.
- Avoid copying AI-generated work and presenting it as their own.
- Respect copyright and the work of others.

Supervise Younger Children

Where possible:

- Use AI together.
- Discuss what your child is asking AI.
- Review the responses together.
- Ensure AI tools are age-appropriate and include suitable safety features.