STAY CYBER SAFE!



Schools and colleges have a critical role to play in maintaining cyber security

Here's what you need to do protect your data:



USE STRONG PASSWORDS

These are your first line of defence.



¬ NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSWORDS

Keep these a secret.

- Always use a strong unique password for each account
- Adopt a creative approach to password creation e.g. using 3 random words
- Never use easily guessable passwords e.g. birthdays, common words
- Never use the same password
- Keep any passwords or authentication codes to yourself, never share these
- Never note your passwords on material that others can access e.g. post it notes
- Always log out of any accounts used on shared devices



STAY ALERT

Watch out for phishing attempts.

- Be wary of unsolicited or unexpected emails, messages or phone calls - particularly if they are asking for account credentials or personal information
- Never approve or authenticate a login request that you did not initiate
- Do not click on suspicious links, download attachments or scan QR codes from unknown sources
- If in doubt, certify the authenticity of any communication by contacting the organisation directly through official channels



ADD AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION

Activate authentication.

- Activate two-step/two-factor verification or multi-factor authentication
- Never share these details with





Always stay alert

for further advice and guidance - download JCQ's 'Guidance for centres on cyber security'