

Password

Jumble magic

Notes:

This activity will help develop basic online security skills.

Explain to your child that creating a strong password that other people can't guess is useful to keep their online information safe. Encourage your child to use a mix of random letters and numbers, but remind them overcomplicated passwords can be tricky to remember.



Activities:

1. With your child, use alphabet/number pasta (either dry or cooked) to have fun making up different passwords of up to 8 characters. If you don't have any pasta, help your child to cut out colourful letters and numbers from old magazines/newspapers/catalogues instead or write the letters and numbers on paper and cut them out.

Tip: Don't use the name of a favourite toy or pet as it'll be too easy for other people to guess.

2. Remind your child that remembering their password and keeping it to themselves is important to be safe online. You can also practice number skills with your child by identifying the numbers and counting how many characters are in your password.



Further challenge:

Create a secret password song/rhyme/sentence to help you remember your password.



Writing a password down isn't a good idea as someone could read it. Encourage your child to make a secret song or rhyme in their head to help them remember their password.

E.g. My 2 dogs like eating bones every morning = M2dlebem