

TEACHTODAY

www.teachtoday.eu is an educational website providing information and advice for teachers and the school community about the positive, responsible and safe use of new technologies.

It was launched by a unique collaboration of the ICT industry and European Schoolnet, a network of 31 European Ministries of Education, and given the support of Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for Information Society and Media.



“There is a clear and obvious need for ensuring that current and future generations will be Internet-literate in a world where the Internet has become the dominant economic and social platform.”

THE DIGITAL WORLD IN 2025, A REPORT BY THE EUROPEAN INTERNET FOUNDATION.

With the internet, social networking, mobiles and other technologies now part of the daily life of many children and young people, teachers play a vital role in helping their students manage the digital space and develop their ICT, media literacy and social skills. The Teachtoday educational website (www.teachtoday.eu) provides information and advice for teachers and other members of the school workforce about the positive, responsible and safe use of new technologies. It is a single source of information where teachers can find answers to any questions they may have- whether they are teaching five year olds or 18 year olds; whether they are an ICT expert or a complete beginner.

- **Teacher Advice** offers guidance about how to protect one's privacy, safety and reputation online; maintain professional boundaries; and deal with incidents of cyberbullying against school staff.
- **Student Advice** offers advice about how one can promote the positive, safe and responsible use of new technologies to students.
- **Impact on Schools** summarises what action schools can take in terms of developing policies and programmes related to new technologies.
- **Technology Today** provides an overview of some of the new technologies teachers and their students might come across.
- **Case Studies** give examples of cyberbullying incidents against teachers and other misuse of new technologies and provide advice about what action to take.

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“New technologies bring huge benefits to children and young people, but issues such as online safety, cyber-bullying, and privacy are of major concern. Teachers are telling us they want to have the know-how to deal with these issues in the classroom - and Teachtoday will help them to make sense of technology.”

MARC DURANDO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN SCHOOLNET

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- MySpace
- Orange France Telecom Group
- Telecom Italia
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The Teachtoday website has been localised in Germany and the UK to respond to national needs and areas of interest. The Teachtoday collaboration plans to launch further versions of the website in the near future in the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Poland and Spain.

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