PRECAUTIONS ON USING THE INTERNET IN THE CLASSROOM

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Many claim that the world has become smaller at present because of the easy access of communication with different individuals and search for needed data. For several years, individuals have seen the Internet become a common tool for communications, teaching, research and development, making every part of the world and its people an easy access for everyone. With its immense potential for education, knowledge and use of the Internet is a must for Filipino teacher; however, the Internet can also be a dangerous environment for learners.

With this situation, teachers must accentuate their responsibility to make sure that children are protected from experiences that are negative in the Net like accessing inappropriate content (for instance, sexually explicit) content that promotes prejudice (racial and ethnic bias), and other contents that have dangerous or unlawful activities.

Students must also be aware that they may be vulnerable in classroom or those that they might encounter through face book or email who might set a meeting with them.

Another possible experience students might encounter is harassment in the form of demeaning or threatening messages and even monetary threats from anonymous online communication.

Teachers may help students through formation of precautionary measures to be implemented in the class as norms to serve as guide for students. The following internet safety guidelines may be a big help for students and teachers as well: Never reveal personal information about your name, parents’ name, address and cell phone or landline number; never agree to meet in person anyone they have encountered on the
internet; don’t share e-mail password with anyone; don’t send harmful messages, even as a joke.

For the students, tell the teacher about websites that make you uncomfortable and websites that you come across that are inappropriate.

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