

GETTING STARTED ONLINE



We know that the internet can be a daunting place, especially if you're unsure how to use it. We've put together a short guide on how to get started on the internet, plus some tips on what you can do while you're surfing the internet.

The first thing you will need is internet access and popular providers include companies such as Virgin Media, BT, Sky and more. If you don't have broadband internet, there are lots of companies offering deals, so do some research first. Try Plusnet, Talk Talk or get a loved one to search on a comparison website for you.

Setting Up

To connect your computer or laptop to your home broadband, you will have to follow the instructions given by your internet provider. You will be provided with a **username** and **password** and will have to use this to connect to the internet. If you are having trouble doing this and require help and don't have anyone to help you, please contact us and we will try and arrange for someone to contact you and talk you through it.

Internet Browsers

To start surfing the web, you will need to use an internet browser. **Internet Explorer** is the most common browser, and your computer will usually already have it installed. To use it, simply click on the large blue 'e' icon as shown, you will find this on the bottom menu. There are other internet browsers you can use to help you get online, including **Google Chrome** and **Mozilla Firefox**.



Internet Explorer



Google Chrome



Mozilla Firefox

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Surfing The Web

One of the best ways to start using the internet is to use a search website.

Here are some popular ones:

- www.google.com
- www.bing.com
- www.uk.yahoo.com



Once you've opened your internet browser, you'll see a search bar at the top of the page. Simply type in one of the search website addresses above in to that bar and press the big 'enter' key on your keyboard.

What Can I Do Online?

Social media websites are a fast, free and easy way to stay connected to your loved ones. Try using www.facebook.co.uk to chat to family, or you can even use it to find old friends!

Use www.instagram.com to share photos with the world or

www.twitter.com to talk about news, entertainment, sports, politics, and more. If you've got a hobby, or would like to learn a new skill, try using the internet to boost your knowledge. There are thousands of websites for all kinds of hobbies, or forums where you can chat to like-minded people and share tips and tricks.



Facebook



Instagram



Twitter

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