

**Dear parent / guardian,**

these days children are using the Internet at a younger age than ever before, fascinated by the online world and everything that happens in it. We want your child to be safe on the Internet and can help you with education on media. Therefore we have introduced the “Medienscouts NRW” initiative at our school this academic year.

## Medienscouts NRW – what does that mean?

You might have already asked yourself these questions:

- Which search engines are suitable for children?
- What do you have to be aware of when sending photos?
- What rules should apply in class group chats?

Many parents ask themselves the questions above and ones similar as soon as children start using tablets and smartphones. The “Medienscouts NRW” initiative will help us to discuss and explain certain issues such as fake news, personal rights and cyberbullying in school. The initiative is aimed at children in grades 3 and 4 or around 8-10 years of age.

Firstly, the Media Scouts will learn how to use the Internet in a safe and fair way. The [Internet ABC](#) will help them with this. The Media Scouts will then use role play and fun activities to pass this knowledge on to their classmates, helping other children to navigate the Internet safely and respectfully. The initiative aims for children to learn from each other and be aware of the dangers on the Internet.

## Schedule in the academic year is as follows:

- 1) Media Scouts to be trained.
- 2) Media Scouts to organise the “NRW Media Scout Camp”, running stations with a focus on various media issues on a school day. One class will visit these stations and learn from the Media Scouts there.
- 3) Media Scouts to plan further activities, e.g. running campaigns for individual classes or holding a stall at the open day.

There are two advisory specialists who will train the Media Scouts and act as mentors in all aspects of their role.

We would be delighted if your child would like to become a Media Scout - they will be able to learn new skills and assume a special role in school.

For more information please visit [medienscouts.de/grundschule](https://medienscouts.de/grundschule)



### An initiative by the Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia [Landesanstalt für Medien NRW]

The Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia has been training Media Scouts at secondary schools since 2011.

The North Rhine-Westphalia Ministry of Schools and Education [Ministerium für Schule und Bildung des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen] has played a key role in the initiative since 2019.

### Internet ABC

The Internet ABC provides the basis for the training of Media Scouts. Further information:



[www.internet-abc.de](https://www.internet-abc.de)