Cyber Security

If you suspect that you've been the victim of a scam or hacked, take the following steps:

1. Turn off your computer immediately.

2. Disconnect the computer from the network by plugging out the docking station (if in school) and

disconnecting from the wifi.



- 3. Contact your Bank and Credit Card provider for your accounts. Explain what has happened and follow their advice. Ask if you need to cancel or freeze your accounts/cards.
- 4. Contact school IT support and inform them that you may have been hacked or the victim of a scam. Explain what took place, and follow their advice.
- 5. If you have the phone or email details of the potential scammer, report these to the Gardai.

Other Important Points

- 1. Never reply to or open attachments from suspected spam/scam emails.
- 2. Always use 'strong' passwords and never use the same password for multiple websites or auto-save passwords.
- 3. Never disclose login details, passwords, PINs, bank or credit card details to other parties.
- 4. Keep your computer's operating system, email application and web browser up to date and install windows updates on a regular basis.

Danger Signs

Delete emails without opening them if:

- You don't recognize the sender
- •It's a generic/mass/bulk email
- ·It's not addressed to you
- •It looks 'unusual'
- ·Something doesn't feel right about it
- •It requests an urgent response
- You feel under pressure to act
- •It's unexpected
- Special offer, TGTBT
- •An 'appeal' for financial support
- •Requests that you 'click on a link'
- •It's refers to an problem with your bank account, credit card, package delivery/unpaid fee, software renewal, service expiry, your password etc.,
- Unless you know and trust the sender don't click on attachments

Example Emails to Delete/Move to Junk

