Online safety for parents

How to help your children stay safe online





Module One



The Thinkuknow approach

"Today's children are growing up online, and make little distinction between life online and off. Their use of online games, apps and services plays a crucial role in the development of their identities, friendships, relationships, passions and aspirations. It is essential that we respond by offering them high-quality education based on the best available evidence."

Head of Education, CEOP



Aims

- ★Understand the risks posed to children and what actions can reduce these risks;
- ★Know where to find appropriate guidance and resources.



What does online safety include?

- ★ Inappropriate material (sexual, hate)
- **★** Child protection
- **★** Cyberbullying
- ★ Inappropriate behaviour
- **★** Grooming
- **★** Mobile devices
- ★ Privacy/Data protection
- ★ Data transfer
- ★ Hacking
- ★ Viruses/malware
- **★** Identity theft
- ★ Internet safety sexting
- ★ Persistence of data



Some quotes from young people when told that the information they put online could still be there in five, 10 or 20 years:

- ★ "I had a blog a couple of years ago and want to delete it but I can't, and I had personal details on it!" (female, 16 Yorks)
- ★ "Potential employers could 'google' you and it could give embarrassing information etc" (male, 16, NW)
- ★ "Really annoying, a search on google brings up stuff I put online when I was really young and I can't get rid of it." (Male, 16, SE)



Life in 'likes' - report

- ★3 in 4 children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.
- *Older children started to get into the habit of using all their social media apps multiple times a day, and for some, it had come to dominate their day.
- *Many children felt uncomfortable and bothered by their parents posting pictures of them on social media, yet felt they could do little to stop it.





Life in 'likes'

- ★In some cases, children worried about their siblings' behaviour online, such as excessive use and ignoring safety messages
- **★**Do I look okay?
- **★**Can we all look like celebrities?
- **★**Will my picture get any likes?
- **★**Is this shareable?
- ★I want to be a YouTuber when I am older

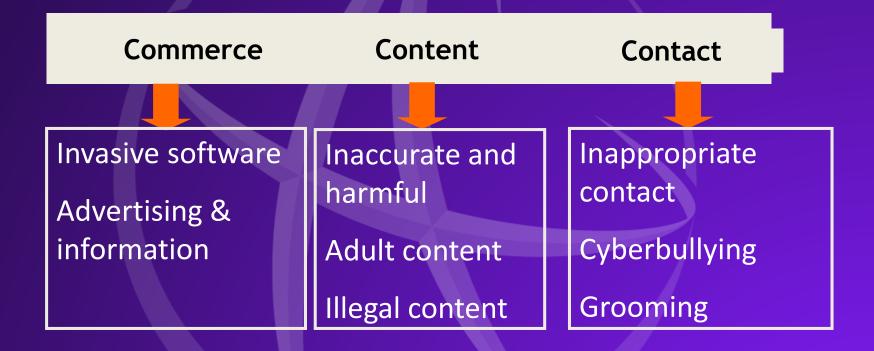


3Rs for digital literacy

- **★**Risk
- **★**Reputation
- **★**Resilience



Potential risks





A few potential risks and actions to consider

- **★** Mobile phones
- bluejacking, 24 hour bullying, anonymous or inappropriate texting

★ Email

- spamming, phishing, monitoring
- **★** File sharing
- spyware, copyright infringement

★ WWW

- adult content, reliability, viruses, illegal content
- ★ Social networks -
- grooming, cyberbullying, data harvesting
- **★** Location services -
- strangers tracking your location
- **★** Tablet devices
- in-app purchases, addictive behaviour, advertising



How do you protect your info and devices?

- **★**Don't share personal info online
- **★Don't share pin or password**
- ★Remain vigilant when using digital communications
- **★Install anti-virus software on all devices**
- ★Install anti-spyware
- **★**Parental controls
- **★**Automatic scanning of computer
- **★Internet options**
- **★**Google safe search
- **★YouTube restricted mode ON**



SMART rules



SAFE – Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information to people who you don't trust online.



MEETING – Meeting up with someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's/carer's permission and even then only when they can be present.



ACCEPTING – Accepting e-mails, IM messages or opening files from people you don't know can be dangerous – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



RELIABLE – Someone online may be lying about who they are, and information you find on the internet may not be true.



TELL – Tell your parent/carer or teacher if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.





Top tips

- **★**Use latest Operating System
- ★Install security software (firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware)
- ⋆Don't open spam, use spam filter software
- **★**Beware of Wi-Fi hotspots
- **★**Back up data



Top tips (cont)

- ★Never give out financial info unless you initiated contact and are sure you know who you are dealing with
- ★Limit amount of time children spend online and on a digital device and supervise them
- ★Share your experiences with others issues and tips
- **★** Visit some of the websites from today



For further information and links

★Andrew Gunn TLC – (Google site)

