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# E-Safety Update 03

Welcome to Cornwall Learning's first e-safety newsletter of 2015. Cornwall Council supported Safer Internet Day on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – **Did your school remember the date?** Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Andrew Wallis says:

*"We want to make sure that we are doing all we can to help to protect individuals, families and communities to stay safe online.*

*E-safety is important to everything we do online whether it's for work or pleasure. The virtual world provides huge opportunities for everyone to work, learn and be creative but we need to remember that it creates challenges for us as individuals, our family and friends and our communities. We all need to understand these challenges and know how we can stay safe online which is why we are showing our support for Safer Internet Day."*

Extract from Cornwall Council's Press Release 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

If your school promoted Safer Internet Day or organised a week of activities, Cornwall Learning would like to know what your school did to raise awareness of Safer Internet Day.

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## Ofsted has clear guidance on expectations for e-safety:

Adults understand the risks posed by adults or young people who use the internet to bully, groom or abuse children and have well-developed strategies in place to keep children safe and to support them in learning how to keep themselves safe. Leaders oversee the safe use of electronic and social media when the children are on site and take action immediately if they are concerned about bullying or risky behaviours.

Paragraph 21: Inspecting safeguarding in maintained schools & academies July 2014

### Did you know?#

#### You're never invisible on the internet

You are not invisible or anonymous on the internet, even if it feels like you are. Internet users always leave evidence, the so called 'cybertrails' or 'digital footprints', when they go online. Every computer has an IP address and this is often the key to finding out who sent specific information. This is actually good: if people commit crimes on the internet the police or other competent authorities can trace this evidence and catch the perpetrator.

<http://www.saferinternet.org/online-issues/children-and-young-people/protect-your-privacy>

## Do you ...Protect Your Privacy?

Every time you publish information online, for everyone to see, a little bit of your privacy will disappear and you will be adding to your online reputation and digital footprint. Of course, when you create profiles on social networking sites or when you are chatting with others you always give away some private details about yourself but be careful: not everyone online has good intentions.

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### How to protect your privacy online:

1. Never publish personal data online such as your real name, address, telephone number, name of school, workplace or any information about friends and family. If you do publish information make sure you are sharing with people you know and trust.
2. Children should always check the 'Privacy' settings with an adult they can trust. Privacy settings, terms and conditions can be really complicated.
3. When 'chatting' children should use a nickname and never use their photograph in their profile. Consider using a cartoon character, picture of a tree, flower, toy etc.
4. Make sure websites are trustworthy before sending any personal information. Children will need the help of a trusted adult to check the terms and conditions and the privacy settings of the site.
5. Sharing a password means that someone else can access accounts and you could be held responsible for any activity they may carry out online pretending to be you.
6. Do not use passwords such as your date of birth, name of a pet or anything that people might be able to guess (favourite colour for example).
7. Try to make passwords 'strong' and include upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols for example 1Football\*.
8. Try to have different passwords for different sites. These could be written down and placed in a sealed envelope and stored somewhere securely.
9. If you think somebody has discovered your password you should change it immediately.
10. Remember the answer to your secret question (some sites make this request). Consider writing this down and placing in a sealed envelope which is stored somewhere securely.

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## Have you heard of?



A free messaging App called **Kik Messenger**. Some children are using this App which allows messages to be sent using the Internet. It is also possible to send photographs, videos and the location details of the user. **This is a 17+ App and reflected in the Terms and Conditions.**



**Snapchat** Children in primary schools are using this popular messaging App which allows teens to exchange photos, texts and videos and live video chat. **This is a 15+ App.**



**Instagram** Children in primary schools are using this popular App to enhance photos and videos before sharing via a number of social network sites (Facebook). Parents should be aware that photos shared in Instagram are public and may have location information. **Privacy settings must be checked. Terms and Conditions specify users should be at least 13 years of age.**

**NOTE:** Companies producing age restricted material may not provide support if the user is under age.

### Can you believe?



#### Six year olds understand digital technology better than adults.

Children, growing up with YouTube, Netflix and Spotify, learning to use smartphones or tablets before they are able to talk

[www.theguardian.com/technology/2014/aug/07/ofcom-children-digital-technology-better-than-adults](http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2014/aug/07/ofcom-children-digital-technology-better-than-adults)

Recent findings whilst working with children in schools in Cornwall this term would support this statement.

**'70% of six-year olds claimed to have their own or access to an iPad or Tablet'**

## Additional items in the 'News':

### Government announces £500k funding for the UK Safer Internet Centre.

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On Boxing Day, Nicky Morgan MP announced that the government is committing £500,000 to the UK Safer Internet Centre to help it to continue its important work supporting children, families and schools.

In the Government's press release, Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities Nicky Morgan, said:

*"From my conversations with parents I know how worried parents are about keeping their children safe online.*

*"This isn't just about what they may be exposed to but ensuring that parents' pockets are also not hit by the unauthorised purchasing of apps and games - something very easily done.*

*"But this isn't just a problem for parents, schools have a role to play too, which is why we have put online safety at the heart of the curriculum and I am delighted to announce extra funding to ensure children are given the information and tools they need to protect themselves online."*

This funding will enable the UK Safer Internet Centre to deliver a range of work to help equip teachers and schools to support children online, including:

- cyberbullying guidance for schools with regional events
- new educational multimedia resources for PSHE lessons
- funding for the UK Safer Internet Centre's helpline for professionals a series of online safety briefing events for teachers and the wider children's workforce

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/news/government-announces-500k-funding-for-the-uk-safer-internet-centre-26/12/2014>

### Recommendation for parents/carers

Take a look at Kidsmart's website for some simple, easy to follow Top Tips:

- iPhone
- iPad
- iPod Touch
- Nintendo
- Blackberry
- PlayStation
- Xbox



[www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/parental-controls.aspx](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/parents/parental-controls.aspx)

### Useful Website Links for inclusion in your Newsletters and on your School Website:

[www.cyberstreetwise.com](http://www.cyberstreetwise.com) - HM Government. Advice on how to protect yourself, your family and your business.

<http://uk.safesearchkids.com> - UK delivers safe results from google.co.uk, powered by Google

<http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety> - Find out how to set up privacy settings for children accessing games via Xbox LIVE.

### Plus (as previously notified):

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) - What children are doing online, issues that might be affecting children, how to take action.

[www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org) - Provides trustworthy & reliable age appropriate media reviews - videos, games & films.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) - Support and guidance for teachers, parents, carers and children.

[www.digizen.org](http://www.digizen.org) - Cyberbullying and social networking advice.

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk) - Online e-Safety learning for the whole family.

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) - Hot topics and how to get to grips with digital issues.

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline) - UK Safer Internet.

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/index/parents.html> - Online magazine with helpful advice for parents and carers

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - Helpful advice and tools.

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