

DEVELOPING ONLINE SAFETY SKILLS TOGETHER

Our evidence base since January shows us that our children have more to learn. There are online issues occurring outside of school that take time, patience and care to unravel in school. This edition of our online safety newsletter focuses on resources available to support children and their families when navigating the world wide web.

Here, you'll find lots of simple ways to reinforce the important online safety lessons your child has been learning in school, through **Google's Be Internet Legends programme**. Created in partnership with Parent Zone, the programme is empowering families to make the most of the internet by helping them become confident digital citizens.

Below are 8 online safety games for children, recommended by **GoHenry**, that can be played together to develop and enhance online safety awareness:

<u>Cloud Quest</u> - A fun, interactive adventure website with videos and activities teaching your children about online safety. Cloud Quest has cartoons that teach online safety skills to a wider age range. Cloud Quest is designed for children under the age of 10.

Safe Online Surfing - This is a range of fun games from word searches to matching games, aimed at children aged 7 to 13. They cover everything from online etiquette to avoiding scams.

Finn Goes Online - This app teaches children about online safety as a 'Choose Your Own Adventure' game. It explains data privacy, cyberbullying, password security and how to stop and avoid online abuse. While it covers some advanced topics, the cute design and the simple language make it suitable for children ages 7 and up.

<u>Band Runner</u> - A fun game for 8 to 10-yearold children with exciting gameplay, where your children have to answer online security questions to level up their character.



The <u>Child Exploitation and Online Protection website</u> also has educational content and quizzes for other age groups, making it easy to find lots of great information about online safety once they're done playing the game.

<u>Privacy on Patrol Squad</u> - This is a free set of educational materials for children aged 7 to 11. It includes fun worksheets and quizzes to help your children learn about internet privacy, passwords and cyber security. There's a big focus on privacy and data protection to make sure that your children lower the risk of identity theft in later years.

<u>Interland</u> - An educational game made by Google to help teach children about a range of online safety concerns, it has lessons on cyberbullying, phishing, data protection, and more. Every separate online safety skill is split into a different area in the game and your children get to learn through a variety of mini-games and guizzes. Interland is designed for children aged 8 to 12.

That's Not Cool - A site with interactive games and activities to teach online safety to children ages 13 to 18, That's Not Cool focuses on healthy and safe friendships and relationships online. This can help your teens make sure they are acting safely online when it comes to interacting with other people and avoid cyberbullying.



We understand the importance of internet safety and want to help you and your family stay safe online. EE have partnered with Internet Matters, providing a website full of free and easy to follow expert advice in the digital world.



The internet is a great way for families to learn and have fun, but there are issues to be aware of such as cyber-bullying and age-appropriate content. By following a few simple steps, you can help your family, especially children, stay safe online.

This newsletter has been produced based on information provided through <u>CEOP</u>, therefore is as reliable as we can provide as of the date of the publication of this newsletter: January 2024.

If we can support you, your family or children with any issues relating to points raised in this newsletter or for any other concerns please do contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

caroline.belchem@ispschools.org.uk
amelia.stoner@ispschools.org.uk
candy.gilbert@ispschools.org.uk
beverley.curtis@ispschools.org.uk

