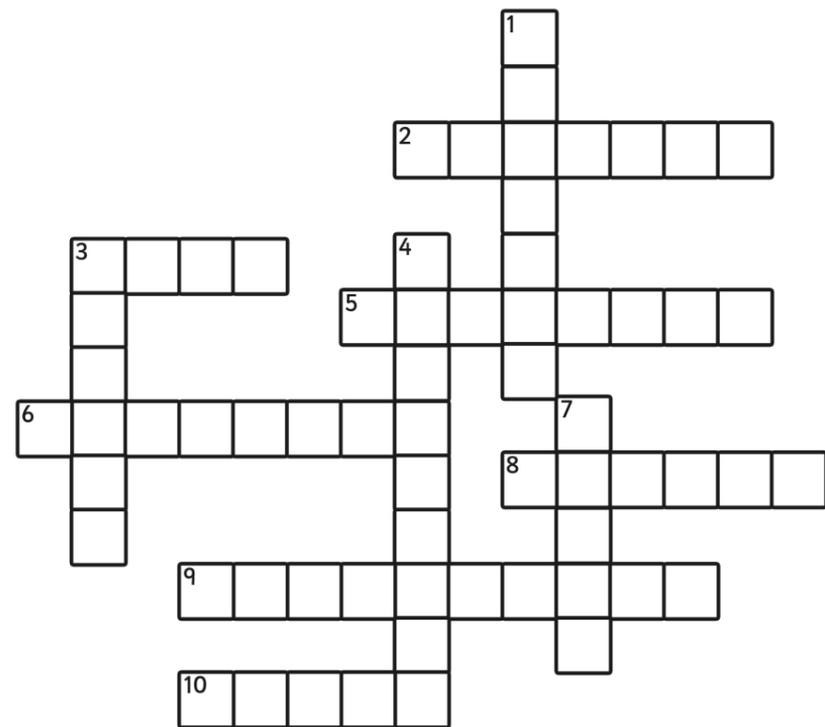


Internet Safety Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 So that strangers can't talk to me, I have my ____ settings restricted.
- 3 All of my ____ email goes into my junk mail.
- 5 I like to go on my ____ account to catch up with old friends.
- 6 I adjust my ____ to what I prefer.
- 8 My ____ and I keep in touch through facebook.
- 9 I would call somebody a ____ who says horrible things online.
- 10 I constantly check my computer so I don't get a ____.

DOWN

- 1 I like to follow celebrities on my ____ account.
- 3 I have to be careful of my ____ when I am on the internet.
- 4 I have many different ____ just incase somebody finds one of them out.
- 7 A ____ hides behind the anonymity of the internet and winds people up.



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first Online Safety Newsletter of the 2017 academic year.

We hope you had a relaxing and stress free summer and know that lots of your children will have had a little more time to explore the amazing apps and fascinating online content available through PCs, tablets and mobile phones. It is essential that we all continue to monitor our children's use of the internet and to educate them to spot the dangers while still allowing them to engage in some of the fantastic opportunities that technology allows. I am really pleased to be able to report that one of our pupils, Amelia Evans, intercepted an inappropriate contact made through Musically and Snapchat, told her friend's parents about what had happened and helped to close the accounts down. We are very proud of her and the fact that she had the knowledge and maturity to deal with this situation properly and hope that through continued education more of our children can spot the warning signs.

Mr Ball

Keeping under 5's safe online

Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age.

Latest Ofcom research has shown that 81% of 5-15 year olds have access to a tablet at home and almost 40% of 3-4 year olds and two thirds of 5-7 year olds go online. We know that children need support in these environments, to get the best out of using the internet, and there are real advantages in making sure that children are supported in their internet use right from the start.

These eight frequently asked questions will provide you with useful information and tips that you can put in to place at home, to help keep your youngest children safe online.

Where do I start?

Are there tools to help?

Should I set any rules?

What advice can I give my child?

How can I supervise my child?

What games are okay for my child to play?

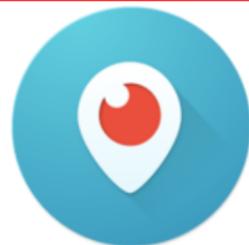
How much time is too much time?

Where can I report?

The answers to these questions can be found on the attached leaflet.

GOOGLE SEARCH YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILDREN

Google search yourself and your children It may sound like a little over the top, but it has proven useful in the past. For both yourself and your children, Google search on your name and any usernames you use in games/apps/ social media. This is a good one to go through with children to teach them about their 'digital footprint'. In other words, what information is online about you/ them? There may be nothing at all, but you never know. Don't just look at the first page of the results, look at a lot of pages and also look at the image results too.



Recent research by the BBC has found evidence of children as young as nine who are being groomed on the live-streaming app Periscope, owned by Twitter.

Three things parents should know about Periscope

1) The dangers of live streaming video content

Live streaming will always be risky as like most online content, once sent, it becomes very difficult and in many cases impossible to retrieve. Periscope allows users to save videos to their phones that could then be shared in other ways, which is why it's useful to speak to your child/ren about the type of content they choose to share, even with their friends.

2) Hearts = Popularity

Along with commenting on video posts, users can also "heart" videos. Hearts are similar to likes/ loves on other networking sites and are the currency of Periscope, in that posts with the most hearts get higher priority ranking in the app's 'Most Loved' list. It is likely that many young people are striving to get as many hearts for their video shares as possible.

3) Inappropriate content

Though Periscope has strict Community Guidelines explaining that explicit content is not to be shared, the nature of live video streaming can make it difficult to police this and therefore, there is always the possibility of seeing explicit imagery.

Your child may not be using Periscope at the moment, but they may in future, so it is worth knowing and understanding the security settings too.

Security settings for each post will need reviewing, so it's worth going through these settings with your children, rather than having to police their activity. Explaining the dangers involved when people they don't know are able to see where they are and contact them is also really important, as it is with any website, app or networking service.

For ways to make Periscope safer to use visit <http://safeandsoundgroup.org.uk/blog/live-streaming-app-periscope-used-to-groom-children/>

musical.ly

live with passion, live musical.ly

In the last newsletter edition I talked about Musical.ly. There is also another App linked with this called Live.ly .Musical.ly can be a wolf in sheep's clothing and young people may not realise the need to block, report and configure security settings. This 90 second video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8vSARVwIPM&feature=youtu.be>) will

show you how to stay safer on Musical.ly. You may also like to watch A guide to Musical.ly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAIGzkz9tFY&feature=youtu.be>

to learn how it can leave young people vulnerable to being groomed and how you can better protect children who use this app. Internet Matters issued advice to parents explaining how the Live.ly app works

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/live-ly-app-parents-need-know/>

and urged them to take caution when deciding whether or not their children should use the app.

Introducing 'Snap Maps' - the new location sharing feature in Snapchat

Toward the end of the summer term Snapchat hit the headlines for its latest feature – Snap Map; a location based map allowing users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based photos and videos. Find out more about Snap Map and the different settings that can be used along with advice for staying safe whilst on the app.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%99snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>



3 tips to help start the conversation about online safety

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.

Get more advice about how to [talk to your child](#) to help them stay safe.

For more information on this visit:

NSPCC—Share Aware campaign