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Online Safety



This year's Safer Internet Day takes place on **Tuesday 7th February** but did you know that this year marks the 20th edition of Safer Internet Day? Celebrated around the world in more than 150 countries, the campaign works to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns. The theme this year is '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**' with three key questions at the heart of the campaign:-

- What issues really matter to children and young people
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together to advocate for children and young people?

Whilst the 7th February is a key date in the world of online safety, it is vital that the lessons we provide and the discussions we have with children and young people extend beyond this annual awareness raising day.

'Keeping Children Safe In Education' reminds us that 'an effective whole school approach to online safety empowers staff to protect and educate pupils and students in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in, and escalate any concerns where appropriate.' (Part 2 , paragraphs 135 to 143)

Do you know the four key areas of risk? (A clue: they all begin with C)

If you are not sure you may want to refer to your school's safeguarding policy or have a look in KCSIE (Page 35) where you will find further information.

Whilst we can't always protect children from the risks they may encounter in the online world, we can empower them to:-

- take control
- change their behaviours
- build their strength and resilience to recognise what's safe and appropriate

There are a wealth of resources linked to [Safer Internet Day](#):-

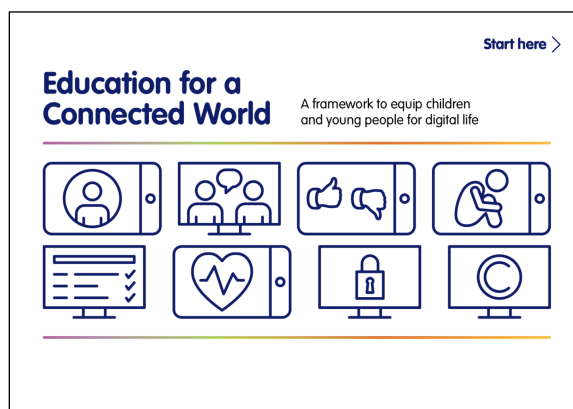
[Resources for teachers and school staff](#)

[Resources for parents and carers](#) – including useful conversation starters for parents and carers to have with their children.

Update for members of your safeguarding team

- The Department for Education (DfE) have released an updated version of the [Teaching Online Safety in Schools Guidance](#) (Jan 23). This is the latest update since the guidance was first published in June 2019. Click [here](#) to see what is new in the 2023 update.
- Are you aware of the '[Project Evolve](#)' resources freely available via the South West Grid For Learning? This extensive resource base has been written to support the existing framework 'Education For A Connected World' and covers 360 learning outcomes over eight key themes, including:-

- 1.) Self-image and identity
- 2.) Online relationships
- 3.) Online bullying
- 4.) Copyright and ownership
- 5.) Online reputation
- 6.) Managing online information
- 7.) Privacy and security
- 8.) Health, well-being and lifestyle

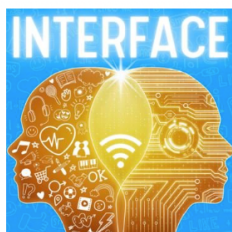


- Don't forget there is a comprehensive [self-evaluation tool](#) also available via the SWGfL – [360 degree safe](#) to support you and your school to review your online safety policy and practice. Many schools signed up and accessed this when it was first established but how recently have you re-visited it to see where you are now?

And if you are a governor reading this.....

UKCIS has published [Online safety in schools and colleges: Questions from the governing board](#). The questions can be used to gain a basic understanding of the current approach to keeping children safe online; learn how to improve this approach where appropriate; and find out about tools which can be used to improve the approach.

Worth a listen.....



A new podcast series hosted by online safety experts for South West Grid For Learning.