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Life in Likes

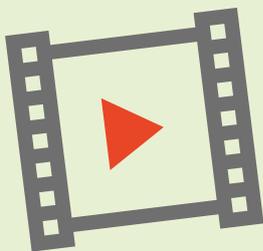
A report on the effects of social media on young people

A new report by the Children's Commissioner, 'Life in likes', examines the effects of social media on eight to 12 year olds. The report looks at how young people use social media and its effects on their wellbeing. The research highlights that many eight to 10 year olds use social media in a playful, creative way, often to play games, but this changes significantly as children's social circles expand as they grow older. This report shows that many Year 7 children are finding social media hard to manage and becoming over-dependent on 'likes' and 'comments' for social validation. Children are also adapting their offline behaviour to fit an online image, and becoming increasingly anxious about 'keeping up appearances' as they get older.



You can access the full report here: bit.ly/ChildrensComissionerReport

Connect with Respect - Childnet film competition



Childnet has launched its latest film competition to encourage young people aged seven to 18 to create a short film to educate their peers about staying safe online. The competition closes on Monday 11th June. Further details can be found on the Childnet website: bit.ly/ChildnetFilmCompetition

Livestreaming, a NEW resource

#LiveSkills

Live streaming is becoming one of the most popular online activities for children and young people with apps such as Musical.ly, Live.me, Periscope and YouNow all soaring in popularity. Other well established apps such as Facebook has also added live streaming functions.

#LiveSkills is a package of resources focusing on live streaming for primary and secondary pupils. There is also a presentation for parents/carers explaining live streaming, the risks for young people and tips to support their child to stay safe.

#LiveSkills explores the features of live streaming and the specific risks children and young people can face. Key issues covered in the resource are:

- the types of tactics offenders use on live streaming platforms
- skills to think critically about the people they meet online
- identifying and responding to pressure and manipulation online
- issues such as low confidence and self-esteem that can make children and young people particularly vulnerable 'when live'
- understanding online sexual abuse and sources of support
- building resilience in children and young people

To view and download the resource, visit the Think You Know website:

bit.ly/ThinkUKnow



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Digital Romance Assembly Tour



Herts for Learning Wellbeing advisers, also experienced CEOP Ambassadors, are delivering a Digital Romance Assembly Tour in secondary schools and academies in **May** and **June**. The assembly, aimed at Year 9 pupils and above will cover:

- what young people are experiencing, based on 2017 research from the Digital Romance report
- what is risky behaviour and how to get help when you need it
- what is illegal behaviour and how to get help when you need it
- recognising and responding in a positive way to problematic peer pressure
- What porn is and why it does not represent what is acceptable or reasonable in relationships

For further information or to book your place on the tour, please email: shelagh.jennings@hertsforlearning.co.uk or phone: **01438 844819**

The Digital Romance report can be accessed here:

bit.ly/DigitalRomanceReport

How well can young people spot false information?

'Never has it been so important for young people to develop their critical thinking, to be news literate and have the skills to filter out fakery from the truth', states James Harding, Director of BBC News

The BBC has launched a new scheme to help young people identify real news and filter out fake or false information. The project, targeted at secondary schools and Sixth Form pupils, has been designed to help them spot so-called fake news. Schools can access **free** online materials, classroom activities, video tutorials, and an interactive game where the player experiences being a BBC journalist in the heart of the newsroom.

Registration details can be found here: bit.ly/BBCRealNewsMailingList

A full range of eSafety advice can be found at:

www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety or for online safety courses available from Herts for Learning please visit: bit.ly/2ubVeCB

