

Online Safety News



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'Be Internet Legends'

A New Key Stage 2 teaching resource

This new resource aims to make young people safer and more confident in the online world. It contains lesson plans, support materials, worksheets, a poster and stickers to use in the classroom. The resource encourages discussion and gives the opportunity to explore issues such as appropriate online behaviour, critical thinking and risk-spotting. The resource is free to order.



For further information and to order the resource visit: bit.ly/BeInternetLegends

'Know your Friends Josh and Sue'

'Know your Friends Josh and Sue' resource is an animated film aimed at young people aged 11-13 who have learning disabilities. There is a supporting lesson plan to accompany the film. The film helps show that whilst the internet is a great place to have fun, online actions can have unpleasant consequences such as making someone else unhappy or being at risk from strangers. The film also explores ways in which young people can take basic steps towards protecting and keeping themselves safe online. The film is available in two versions, one for moderate learning disabilities and one for severe levels of need.

This resource can be found on the Think You Know website.

bit.ly/FriendsJoshAndSue



Coming soon: 'Band Runner Game'



Two years ago CEOP launched the 'Play Like Share' resource which has been widely used in schools. A new web based game for eight to 10 year olds, 'Band Runner' featuring the familiar characters and key online safety messages from Play Like Share will soon be released. The fun new game involves children collecting points and answering questions about staying safe online to progress to the higher levels.

In addition, three further episodes of Play Like Share aimed at four to seven year olds are in development.

Do you have a cyberbullying or online safety concern?



The Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH) may be able to help.

The UK Safer Internet Centre, funded by the European Commission, provides a helpline for professionals who work with children and young people and it specifically tackles the area of online safety. The helpline provides support with all aspects of digital and online issues such as inappropriate behaviour on social network sites, cyberbullying, sexting, online gaming and grooming. The helpline also aims to resolve personal online safety issues professionals may have, such as protecting professional identity and reputation. POSH has direct channels to escalate concerns to social media companies and many websites. The helpline email is: helpline@saferrinternet.org.uk and the phone number is: 0344 381 4772.

The video link shows how the service can support online safety concerns.

bit.ly/SaferInternetNews

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The hugely popular anonymous messaging app that we highlighted in an earlier online safety newsletter has been removed from the Apple and Google stores after accusations that it has been facilitating online bullying.



The CEOP report button

It is crucial that children and young people know the importance of reaching out for help if they are worried about their online activity and know how and where to report concerns. CEOP helps young people who are being sexually abused or are worried that someone they've met is trying to abuse them and can help make it stop. CEOP currently receives over 500 reports per month and around 100 of these require safeguarding action.



A new video showing how to make a report to CEOP and what happens when a report is made to CEOP is now available.

bit.ly/CEOPVideo

Digital Romance Assembly Tour - additional dates added



Due to demand, HfL is extending the Digital Romance Assembly Tour in the autumn term in secondary schools and academies.

An assistant headteacher said: *"I definitely recommend this assembly to other secondary schools. It is short and gets straight to the point. Pupils are not preached to but informed about their online behaviour and choices".*

Students said:

"It really opened my eyes to people's behaviour online, both negative and positive. Romantic Online relationships are common and the assembly really made me think more deeply about my own actions and 'friends'."

"The assembly helped highlight we must stay in control of online relationships. We shouldn't be pressured into doing things we are not comfortable with. We must stay safe and help our friends too when they need support with online 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/DigitalRomanceGuidance