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Safer Internet Day 6th Feb 2024

Are you aware this years Safer Internet Day takes place on the 6th Feb 2024 with the theme "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online". To access further information please click on the following links:

Safer Internet Day / SWGfL / SimfinUK / What's The Problem



SMART Rules

Do you share the 'SMART' rules for staying safe online with children? Access the latest poster displaying rules to keep children safe online.

To access the poster please click on the following link: **SMART**



Talking to Children About Online Safety

Do you know how to talk to children about online safety? Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to children about what they're doing online or discuss the potential risks and issues.

For further information please click on the following link: NSPCC



ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

childline.org.uk 0800 1111

What Are The Risks?

As you know there are lots of fun and interesting things children can do on the internet & that it can be a great way to stay in touch online. But do you know what to do when things go wrong?

For further information please click on the following link: Childline



That's Not Cool

Do you know how to help young people and their parents understand how mobile phones, instant messaging and online profiles are all digital extensions of who they are? The 'That's Not Cool' website aims to provide information about what is or is not okay in their digital relationships. To access further information please click on the following link: **That's Not Cool**



Internet Matters

Have you accessed the Internet Matters portal which aims to direct parents and carers to credible and helpful information on how to keep children safe online?

For further information please click on the following link: Internet Matters



Keeping Children Safe Online

Do you find it hard to keep up with the constant changes of the digital world? There seems to be a new app, social media, or game every other week. This can sometimes mean that children know more about the online world than we do.

For further information please click on the following link: **Digital World**

Find lots more on the HSSCP Website: https://hsscp.co.uk/

Twitter: #HSSCP1



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Online Mental Health

Have you considered the benefits and challenges to your mental health of being online? Mind offers ideas for looking after yourself online and getting support and information for staying safe online and getting the balance right between your online and offline life? For further information please click no the following link: Online Mental Health



Online Child Exploitation

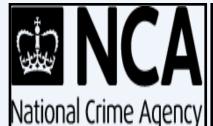
Are you aware that online sexual exploitation most commonly includes grooming, live streaming, consuming child sexual abuse material, and coercing and blackmailing children for sexual purposes? As technology advances, new forms of this crime emerge. For further information please click on the following link: **Child Exploitation**



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Do you know that In 2023, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) investigated its first reports of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) generated by artificial intelligence (AI).

To access this report please click on the following link: Internet Watch Foundation



Sextortion

Are you aware that criminals might be friend victims online by using a fake identity and then persuade them to perform sexual acts in front of their webcam? Children could be coerced into these actions using financial incentives or threats.

For further information please click on the following link: NCA



Radicalisation

Do you know that radicalisation is the process through which a person comes to support or be involved in extremist ideologies? It can result in a person becoming drawn into terrorism and is in itself a form of harm.

For further information please click on the following link: *Internet Matters*



The Dark Web Explained?

What is the dark web? How do people access it? Is it illegal?

For further information please click on the following link: <u>CEOP</u>



Tees Online Child Abuse Procedures

Have you read the latest Tees Online Child Abuse procedure?

If not please go to the Online Child Abuse page on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website: <u>Tees Online Child Abuse Procedures</u>