

# Raising Awareness for Parents and Carers 2013

Growing up online

# What is E-safety

- \* E-safety is defined as being safe from risks to personal safety and wellbeing when using all fixed and mobile devices that allow access to the internet as well as those that are used to communicate electronically.
- \* This includes personal computers, laptops, tablets, kindles, mobile phones and gaming consoles such as Xbox, Playstation and Wii.

# Statistics 11-16 year olds

- \* 35% own a smartphone
- \* 90% have home internet access
- \* 41% of this age group's parents say their child has internet access in their bedroom
- \* 24% who use the internet at home feel more confident on the internet than in real life
- \* 47% know someone who has had gossip spread about them
- \* 29% knows someone who has had embarrassing pictures being made public

# What are the reasons that children go Online

- \* **Communication skills** - communicating is one of the prime reasons for children going online.
- \* **Computer skills** - children are engrossed in technology at a very young age.
- \* **Creativity** - through building online spaces and avatars (online characters), online games encourage you to be creative.
- \* **Research** - children research online. They turn to search engines and other online tools to find out about an interest or piece of history.

# Websites and Technologies

- \* These are just a few of the well known and popular sites that your children might be using.
- \* **Social networking:** Facebook / Youtube / Twitter
- \* **Instant messaging:** BBM / Whatsapp / Skype
- \* **Blogs and chat sites:** Ask FM / Tumblr
- \* **Gaming:** Consoles
- \* **Mobile phone technology:** Apps / Messaging / Email

# Blogging and chat sites





# Mobile Technology





# What does your child use their mobile phone for?

- \* Talking / Chatting
- \* Texting
- \* Going online
- \* Taking photos
- \* Taking videos
- \* Emailing
- \* Sharing their location



# Top Tips for Parents and Carers

- 1 - Using internet filtering software. Set appropriate parental controls on computer's, mobiles and games consoles.
- 2 - Keep the computer in a communal area of the house, where it's easier to monitor what your children are viewing.
- 3 - Tell your children not to give out their personal details. If they want to subscribe to any services online, make up a family email address to receive the mail.
- 4 - Children love to chat, but make sure they only use moderated chat rooms and ask them about their online friends.
- 5 - Encourage your children to tell you if they feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.

# Top Tips for Parents and Carers

6 - Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online.

7 - Surf together.

8 - Make sure you know what your children are doing online much like you would in “real” life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and games consoles) to help you.

9 - Make sure that your children are aware that people online or websites can lie.

10 - Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences.




# CEOP

## Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

- \* CEOP is a police led child protection agency dedicated to preventing the sexual abuse and exploitation of children.
- \* CEOP receives reports of concerns about online grooming, indecent images of children, sexual contact between adults and children online and other child sex offender activity.
- \* If you are concerned that a child in your care is at risk, whether you are a professional or a parent, you can make a report at the following website [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) or wherever you see the CEOP Report button.





In life you would protect your child from harm; so why not protect them when they are online



Do you really know what your  
child is doing online?

# For more Information

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