




Safer Internet Day


"On Tuesday 10th February 2015, millions across the UK and globally will be celebrating Safer Internet Day.


<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

For parents and carers, Safer Internet Day is a great time to have a conversation with their child about staying safe online. Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. It is our responsibility as adults to teach children about how to stay safe online.


Top Tips for parents!


 Have a conversation; it is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

 Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.


 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?




 Ask them if they know where to go for help. Remind them not give out personal information -this includes name, home address, landline and mobile numbers.

 Tell your children to NEVER:
Visit chat websites that aren't fully supervised.
Arrange to meet an online friend in person without your knowledge and permission.
Give any indication of their age or sex in a personal email address or screen name.
Keep anything that worries or upsets them online secret from you.
Respond to unwanted emails or other messages

 Remember Facebook is for over 13's!

 In the same way that you set rules for most areas of your children's lives, establish your expectations regarding online activities. Creating a family agreement is a useful step, which might include time spent online, sites that can be visited, and behaviour expected; remember, what's right and wrong offline is also right and wrong online.

 Placing your computer or laptop in a busy part of the house e.g. the living room or kitchen can be helpful. This can make it easier for you to be involved in their technology use. But remember, the internet can be accessed from a number of portable devices, for example smartphones, iPod Touch, games consoles and tablets.



Ensure a balance, so that the use of technology does not negatively impact on other important areas of young children's lives.



It is not advisable to have portable devices in your child's bedroom.



Younger users may be distracted by advertising and **pop ups** and with just a couple of clicks, or a spelling mistake, may find themselves on a different website. Children are naturally curious and will innately push boundaries. Bookmarking sites or creating a 'favourites' list is a simple way to help your children find the content they want without having to search the internet for it.



Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Useful websites:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/keeping-children-safe-online>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks1/fun.aspx>