





Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

Childnet is one of three organisations partnered to form the UK Safer Internet Centre.

The UK Safer Internet Centre, appointed by the European Commision, has three main functions: an awareness centre, a helpline for professionals and a hotline to report and remove child sex abuse imagery and videos.



The online world can be exciting and inspiring. It has lots of opportunities to offer young people. However it is important to manage and minimise the associated risks.



# CONDUCT





Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet.



It's easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that children are aware of who is able to view, and potentially share, the information that they may have posted.



When using the internet, it's important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers.



# CONTENT





Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites.



It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias.



There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.



# CONTACT





It is important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are and that once a friend is added to an online account, you may be sharing your personal information with them.



If you have concerns that your child is, or has been, the subject of inappropriate sexual contact or approach by another person (including, but not limited to, a request to meet up or a request for images/videos), it's vital that you report it to the police via the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk).



#### CYBERBULLYING





Cyberbullying is bullying which takes place online or using technology. It is important that young people know what to do if they or their friends are the victims of cyberbullying.



Cyberbullying can happen in many different ways including unkind messages or comments, the sharing of embarassing photos or exclusion from group chats.



Children need to understand that their online actions can be just as hurtful as offline actions and that seeking to deliberately hurt or upset someone is always unacceptable.

### Sexting



Sexting is taking and sharing a nude, partially nude or sexually explicit image or video.



If the person in the image is under-18 then it **breaks the law**. The Protection of Children Act states that it is illegal to create, distribute or possess an indecent image of a child, including self-generated images (e.g. selfies).



The police take a common sense approach and are not seeking to criminalise young people, but do have a duty of care if asked to investigate.



In the online world, content can get very far, very quickly and young people need to understand that they may lose control of who else sees their image. This can lead to emotional and reputational consequences.



Sexting is a risk even for younger children. A child with access to a device, who can take a photo and send it on, may not understand the possible consequences and just think they're being funny.



# ADVICE ON GROOMING



Discuss online friendship with your child - make sure they understand that a person they've never met face-to-face is still a stranger. Discuss what kinds of information they should avoid sharing with strangers.

Ensure they know they can come to you if they have any worries or concerns.

If you have an suspicions whatsoever about someone who is in contact with your child online then report it to CEOP.



You will be shown how to report to CEOP later in this presentation.



# ADVICE ON CYBERBULLYING

Discuss cyberbullying with your child - teach the importance of online respect and make sure they know they can talk to you if they have any worries or concerns.

If they are a victim of this type of behaviour:

- - **Do** save the evidence
- - **Do** report to your school/ the police



**Do** use online tools to report and block the perpetrator.



**Don't** deny your child access to a device or service. They may feel punished when they're already the victim.



**Don't** retaliate.



# ADVICE ON SEXTING



Discuss sexting with your child - ensure they know that once this kind of content gets out there, it's very difficult to get it back and the consequences of this can be very upsetting.

Make sure they know they can talk to you if they have any concerns or worries.

With younger children, discuss which parts of their body should be kept private.



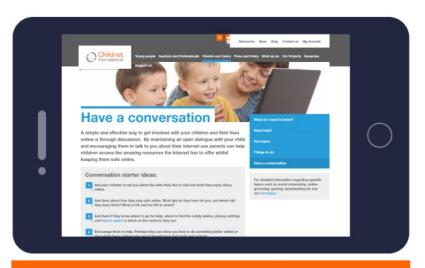
**Do** seek advice from your child's school **Do** report to the Police or CEOP if you if you need further support.



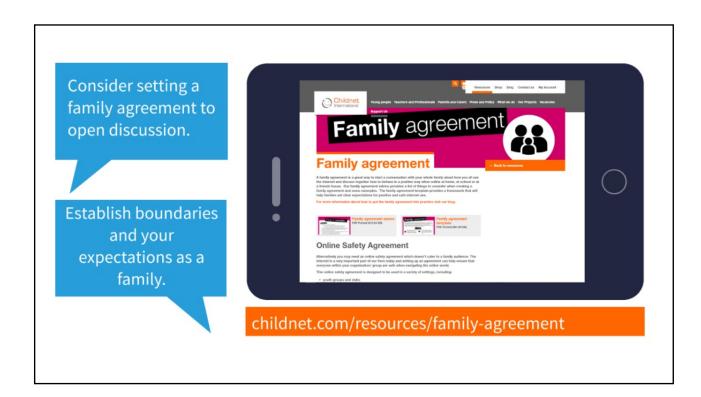
have any suspicions about the involvement of an adult or think you child has been coerced.

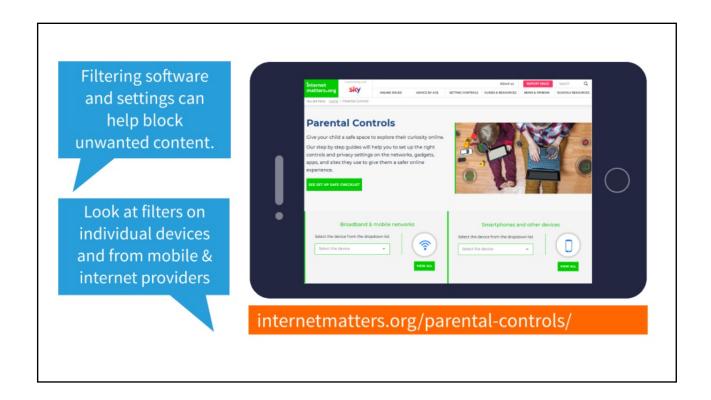
An open and honest dialogue with your child is absolutely key.

Talk to them about their internet use and let them know they can talk to you.

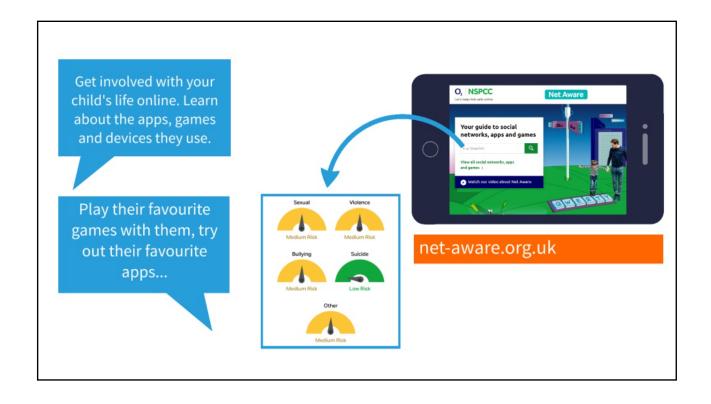


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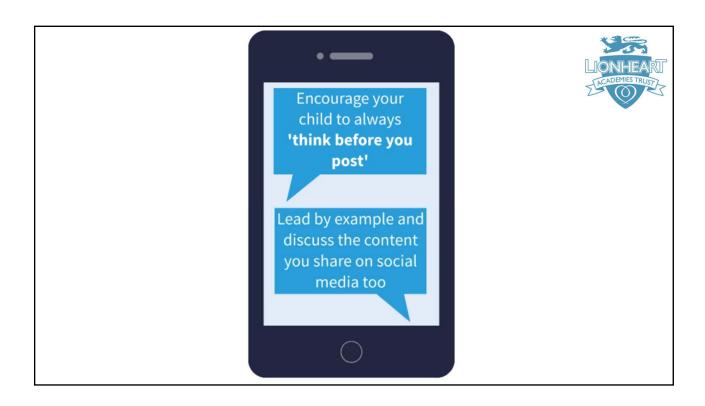




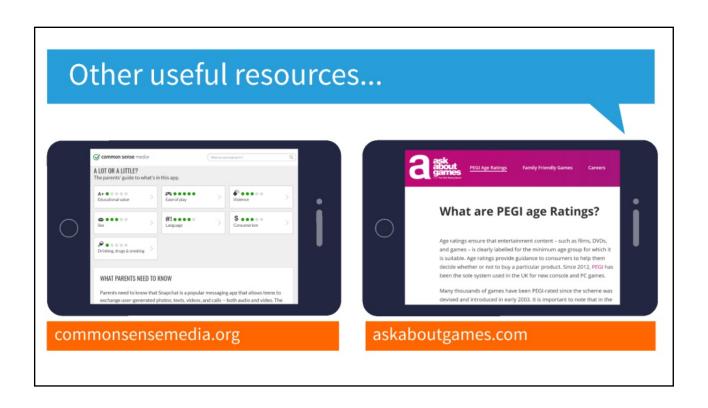
















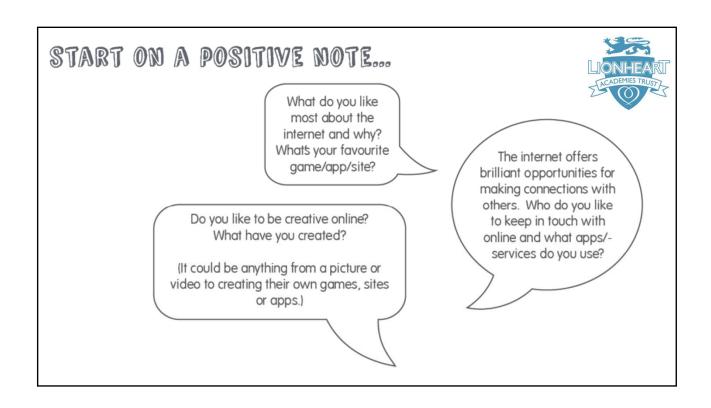












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Do you have any tips for how to be positive and show respect online?

What could you do if someone online is making you or someone you know feel worried or upset?

How might you know if you are using the internet/technology too much?

How does the internet make you feel? Do different apps/games makes you feel differently?

Do you know where to go for help, where to find safety advice and how to use safety tools on your favourite apps and games?

Help me! Can your child show you how to do something better/safer online?

WHAT WE'RE DOING IN SCHOOL TO TACKLE ONLINE SAFETY ISSUES...



