



# Helping to keep your children safe online

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#### **About Childnet**



#### "Helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children"

Promoting the positive



Responding to the negative

#### Adults often have anxieties about new media...



Everything that's already in the world when you're born is just normal;



Anything that gets invented between then and before you turn thirty is incredibly exciting and creative and with any luck you can make a career out of it;



"Anything that gets invented after you're thirty is against the natural order of things and the beginning of the end of civilisation as we know it ...until it's been around for about ten years when it gradually turns out to be alright really."

**Douglas Adams** 

#### This presentation







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# Why is internet safety important?



#### **Statistics**

- 93% of children use a computer and phone
- 8 out of 10 teenagers have a home computer, mobile phone and games console
- 1,400,000 UK pupils have their own web space
- There are over 200 million registered users of MySpace
- There are over 2.7 billion searches on Google each month
- The number of text messages sent every day exceeds the total population of the planet

#### **Different usage**

#### PARENTS

Mostly email & web for research





#### YOUNG PEOPLE

Interactive chat, IM, Music, Games, Blog



#### Know IT All

28% of parents who use the internet describe themselves as beginners compared with only 7% of children

#### Changing environment

WEB v 1.0

WEB v 2.0

Downloading

Consuming

Corporate

Separate media

Static









+ Uploading

- + Creating
- + Personal
- + Converged media

+ Truly interactive

#### Supervision

#### IN SCHOOL

Supervised, filtered & monitored



#### OUT OF SCHOOL

Often no supervision, filtering or monitoring





#### Know IT All

>30% of students report having received no lessons at all on using the internet.
 >79% of young people use the internet privately without their parent's supervision

#### Knowledge vs. Wisdom

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

Many children pick up technology quicker!





Understanding how to behave in a virtual world



#### Know IT All

69% of young people say they mind their parents restricting or monitoring their internet usage!



# Why is the internet so great?



#### World Wide Web



#### **Discover: educational resources**



#### www.froguts.com

#### Connect: Instant Messenger (IM)





#### **Connect: Social networking sites**



#### Create: websites by young people





## What are the risks?



#### Potential risks



- 73% of online adverts are not clearly labelled making it difficult for children and adults to recognise them
- 57% of 9-19 yr olds have come into contact with online pornography accidentally.
- 4 in 10 pupils aged 9-19 trust most of the information on the internet. 1/3 of young people have received unwanted sexual or nasty comments online. Only 7% of parents think their child has received such comments.

#### **Commercial risks**

- Blur between content & advertising
- Subtle requests for marketing information-"Tell a friend"
- Invasive programmes adware/popups

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#### **Commercial risks**



#### **Content viewed**

- ☺ Inaccurate content
- 🐵 Extreme material
- Pornography



4 in 10 pupils aged 9-19 trust most of the information on the internet

57% of 9-19 yr olds have come into contact with online pornography. Only 16% of parents think that their child has seen pornography on the internet.



#### Contact risks

- $\ensuremath{\textcircled{\ensuremath{\boxtimes}}}$  Social networking sites
- ☺ Instant messaging (eg MSN)
- ⊗ P2P (filesharing)
- ⊗ Multi-user online games
- ☺ Chat rooms



#### Know IT All

49% of kids say that they have given out personal information 5% of parents think their child has given out such information



# What do YOU think is the biggest risk to children online?



#### What is Cyberbullying?

#### Threats

Hacking

#### Prejudice

Stalking



#### Manipulation

#### Exclusion

**Public postings** 

### Cyberbullying

- Threats and intimidation Threats sent to people by mobile phone, email, or online.
- Harassment or stalking Repeated, prolonged, unwanted contact or monitoring of another person.
- Vilification / defamation / prejudice-based bullying These may be general insults or racist, homophobic or sexist bullying.
- Ostracising / peer rejection / exclusion Set up of a closed group refusing to acknowledge one user on purpose.
- Identity theft, unauthorised access and impersonation 'Hacking' by finding out or guessing a username and password.
- Publicly posting, sending or forwarding information or images Disclosing information on a website.
- Manipulation

May involve getting people to act or talk in a provocative way.

Safe to Learn: Embedding Anti-bullying Work in Schools. DCSF 2007

#### Differences





### 24/7 contact No escape at home

#### Impact

Massive potential audience reached rapidly. Potentially stay online forever

#### • Perception of anonymity

More likely to say things online

#### • Profile of target/bully Physical intimidation changed

- Some cases are unintentional Bystander effect
- Evidence Inherent reporting proof

#### Let's Fight It Together film



# View the film from www.digizen.org/cyberbullying/film.aspx

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#### **Character interviews**



www.digizen.org/cyberbullying/film.aspx

#### Advice for parents

- Be careful about denying access to the technology
- Understand the tools
- Discuss cyberbullying with your children
  - always respect others
  - treat your passwords with care
  - block/delete contacts & save conversations
  - don't reply/retaliate
  - save evidence
  - make sure you tell
- Report the cyberbullying
  - school
  - service provider
  - police





## What about mobiles?



#### The pros and cons





Away from supervision Always on and reachable



#### Mobile phone advice

©Know how your child's phone works (e.g. Bluetooth, Internet access) Output Agree the type of content that you would be happy for them to download, knowingly receive or send on to others <sup>©</sup>Save any abusive messages/inappropriate images for evidence purposes ©Decide together what are acceptable bills ©Encourage balanced use - switching off at mealtimes, bedtime.

#### Checklist of questions for mobiles



## Mobile Operators Code of Practice

Services to protect children that operators are committed to including.

#### **Childnet's Checklist for parents**

To help parents ensure that these protections are in place. Questions include: How can I turn Bluetooth off? Can I put a bar on premium numbers?



# What can parents do?


## What you can do...

### Commerce

③ Install software to protect your computer's security

© Be careful which sites the rest of the family visit

- © Use a family email address for shopping and online forms
- © Use the free technology: pop-up blockers & SPAM filters; and your good judgement: don't reply to SPAM!
- © Check sites for extra security (padlock/https)

## What you can do...

### Content

- Talk to your children about what to do if they do come across something unpleasant and teach them to be critical
- © Use child-friendly search engines or set a search filter
- © Encourage them to use browser tools Bookmarks & History
- ③ Install filtering but don't rely on it
- Find appropriate sites to visit and try not to overreact lots of inappropriate content viewed accidentally

## What you can do...

# © Get involved with your children online and encourage balanced use - set time limits

② Make sure they know who to talk to if they feel uncomfortable

©Talk about the consequences of giving out personal info or making information public

- © Keep the computer in a family room
- ③ Agree rules as a family meeting up



Contact

# **SMART rules**



**SAFE** - Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information - including full name and email address - to people who you don't trust online.



**MEETING** - Meeting up with someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parent's/carer's permission and even then only when they can be present.



**ACCEPTING** - Accepting e-mails, IM messages or opening files from people you don't know can be dangerous - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



**RELIABLE** - Someone online may be lying about who they are, and information you find on the internet may not be true. Check information and advice on other websites, in books or ask someone who may know.



**TELL** - Tell your parent/carer or teacher if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or you or someone you know is being cyberbullied.

## **Know where to report**





www.phonepayplus.org.uk

www.iwf.org.uk

### www.ceop.gov.uk www.thinkuknow.co.uk

- + your operator
- + your Internet Service Provider

## Chat speak

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### NEW TO COMPUTERS USING THE INTERNET



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### INFO CENTRE GLOSSARY



### GLOSSARY: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W

Malware	Bad software. Programs that damage your computer (viruses), steal your personal information (spyware), display unwanted adver (adware) or expose your computer to hackers (Trojan horses).				
Mbps	Megabits per second. A way of measuring the speed of a network by counting the number of bits – a single 1 or 0 – sent each secon A megabits is a million bits.				
Messenger	A program provided by Microsoft which lets people send messages to each other using Microsoft's network, MSN. Also known as MSN.				
Minimise	To shrink the window that a program is using to an icon.				
MMS	Multimedia messages/photo messages – pictures and video you can send and receive with a mobile handset.				
Modem	A device that connects a computer to the telephone network so that it can link to an ISP and access the internet.				
Moderated chatrooms	A chatroom or other service where an adult is watching the conversations to make sure they do not break the hosting company's policy on online behaviour. This may include inappropriate language, the disclosure of personal information or behaviour which is considered dangerous.				
	Some chatrooms do not have a person watching all the time, but rely on a program that monitors all of the chats and alerts a moderator when particular words appear. It is, of course, easy to get round this by using misspellings or substitute words.				
Moderation	Supervising what goes on in a chatroom, newsgroup or other online service.				
Mouse	A small device connected to a computer that is used to control the position of a pointer on screen and has one or more buttons that can be used to make selections or carry out actions like clicking.				
MSN	Abbreviation of 'Microsoft Network'. Often used to refer to Microsoft's Instant Messenger.				
MySpace	A popular social networking website that lets users create their own homepages, set up weblogs and add buddies.				



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INFO CENTRE WEBSITES

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#### BBC

The BBC Website is a good place to start. It has three sections for children: CBeebies, CBBC and Schools. Within the site at

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/safesurfing is a Dongle the Rabbit cartoon that, in a fun and effective way, shows younger children about safe surfing. www.bbc.co.uk/children

#### **Braids and Beads**

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This is the site for an exhibition focusing on the braid and bead work creations of Jacqui Carey and items of adornment from collection of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter. The 'Maths Adventure' explores shape and pattern.

www.molli.org.uk/bb

#### **Brain Teasers**

This site from publishers Houghton Mifflin gives children a choice of three new problem-solving activities each week. Children can try different levels depending on how clever they are feeling! This website is suitable for children 7–15 years old. www.eduplace.com/math/brain

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#### Grid Club

The Cybercafe on this educational website is a good place for kids to learn about internet safety. It is interactive and uses Childnet's SMART rules. www.gridclub.com

#### Quiz Hub

This website includes interactive learning games, puzzles, quizzes, and science information. It is suitable for primary age children. http://quizhub.com/quiz/quizhub.cfm

#### Recyclezone

Developed by Waste Watch, this site looks at the world of waste. It isn't just about recycling, it has some useful online activities for younger children. Although this site is called recyclezone, recycling is only one of the things that can be done about waste. The site talks about the 3Rs - reduce, reuse, and recycle.

www.recyclezone.org.uk

#### Shefton Museum of Greek Art and Archaeology

The Museum site has an excellent introduction to the Greeks and their world aimed at schoolchildren. www.ncl.ac.uk/shefton-museum

#### Fact Monster

This site from publishers Pearson contains information about people, sports, the world, fun facts, science and more. There are links to a homework centre, word of the day, today in history, a dictionary, an encyclopaedia, an almanac and an atlas. It is suitable for young people aged 7 years and up.

www.factmonster.com

#### NASA Earth Science Enterprise

This site contains interactive games based around earth science. Topics include plate tectonics, natural hazards, air and water. The games featured are word searches, drag 'n' drop puzzles, and quizzes. It is suitable for upper primary and lower secondary age pupils. http://kids.earth.nasa.gov

#### Spelling with the Spellits

This website offers a fun way for your child to improve their spelling. It has been designed by the BBC for children aged 7-11 years. www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home\_flash.shtml



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#### **Childnet Fact Sheets**

Below are a range of fact sheets from Childnet which will give you more detailed information on a range of topics.

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#### Spam

About half of the emails which circulate around the internet are spam or junk emails. There are a number of ways to avoid receiving spam and this fact sheet written by Childnet will tell you everything that you need to know.

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#### Addiction

Childnet have come across cases of children who have been addicted to the internet. This fact sheet tells you how to recognize addiction and where to go to get more advice.

### BLOG SAFETY Common

#### Blogging and Social Networking

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Children like websites like MySpace and Bebo where they can write their own blogs or online diary, but there are some risks that parents need to know about. Read this leaflet to get up to date with one of the most popular areas of the internet for children and young people.

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#### Searching and Chatting

Childnet have produced two new guides for parents and carers on 'Searching the Internet' and 'Chatting Online' and child safety. Choosing a 'good' search provider or a 'good' chatroom can be challenging. However, in terms of child safety some service providers are better than others, and these 2 guides, written in the form of a checklist of questions, will help parents to look at which search or chat services adhere to good practice in the area of child safety. The guides also have advice on searching and chatting safely.



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#### HOW CAN THE INTERNET HELP ME AND MY FAMILY? MOBILES



NAME: JO, AGE: 40 LIKES: USING MOBILES FOR KEEPING TRACK OF HER DAUGHTERS

> Click on a member of the family to hear their story. The activity centre has some games that you can explore as a family.

VISIT THE ACTIVITY CENTRE

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## More resources...



# www.childnet.com www.kidsmart.org.uk www.digizen.org

