



YEAR 6 ONLINE SAFETY

WHY DO I NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF BEING ONLINE?

Although the Internet is a brilliant resource for learning and entertainment some people use the Internet to cause you harm. Being aware of these dangers can help keep you safe and protect your privacy.



Fake news and spoof websites exist so you always have to question the reliability of things you read online.

Phishing is another online practice which you need to be aware of. This is when companies send you a fake email in order to gain personal information off you. Always check whether it is a trusted sender before clicking on any link.



Online games should always have a PEGI rating. This informs you of who the game is aimed at and whether it is suitable for your age.

WHAT IS MEANT BY MY DIGITAL FOOTPRINT?

The term digital footprint is used to describe the traces that people leave behind when they have visited a website or used social media. Your digital footprint is unique to you.



When you apply for a job, the employer will check your digital footprint to see if they would like to employ you. If they see any inappropriate content this may mean they won't consider you for the job. So always be kind and respectful online.

However, it is not a good idea to have no digital footprint at all because this can work against you when applying for a job. It seems suspicious.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME USE A SCREEN FOR?



Using a screen can help you surf the Internet or enjoy computer games but you need to be careful how much time you spend using a screen. For instance, using a screen at night can damage your sleep patterns. Turn your screen off regularly and enjoy the world outside.



Key Vocabulary

Digital footprint – The information about a person that exists on the Internet as a result of their online activity.

Password - A string of characters that allow access to a computer system or service.

PEGI rating – A rating that shows what age a game is suitable for.

Phishing – The practice of sending email pretending to be from reputable companies in order to persuade individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit cards numbers

Screen time - Time spent using a device such as a computer, television, or games console.

Spoof website – A website that uses dishonest design to trick users into thinking that it represents the truth.

FIND OUT MORE

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. What is it called when a trick email is sent to you to try and get your personal information?
2. A PEGI rating is a rating to show what?
3. What is the mean of Phishing?
4. Why do you have to be careful with your screen time?
5. True or False – it is best not to have a Digital Footprint at all?
6. What might cause you to have an inappropriate Digital Footprint?