

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK – Safer Internet Day



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SAFER INTERNET DAY



Safer Internet Day is marked on 7 February every year.

We all have a right to feel safe and secure and that means safe online as well as in the real world. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet.

The internet can be a great place but needs to be used carefully. Use internet safety week to start the conversation about internet issues that matter to you, what changes you would like to see and how we can make it a more positive and rights respecting place!

There are a large number of articles that link with being online.

Can you think of any?



LINKED ARTICLES

- Article 17, Access to information from the media - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.
- Article 19, Protection from harm, - Children have the right to feel safe, this includes online. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of harm.
- Article 12 – The Right to be heard – Speak up if something online worries you
- Article 28 – The right to learn – the internet can help us learn new things, we should always use it in a safe and kind way.





EXPLORING SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week there are **TWO** questions to think about!

1. What do you feel are some of the great things about the internet and life online?
2. What don't you like about the internet and life online?



EXPLORING SAFER INTERNET DAY

Great things ...

- You can find out lots of information quickly and easily.
- You can connect with your friends even if you can't meet face-to-face.
- Learning is possible even if you haven't got books at home or access to a library.
- There are lots of fun games and activities to do online.
- You can keep in touch with family and friends who live far away.
- It can increase equality and democracy because more people can have their voices heard.
- You can shop and bank online which is good for people who are busy, not near the shops or have mobility issues.
- You can visit places remotely that you can't get to in person.
- It helps you find places in the car and people you want to contact with.

I don't like it when ...

- People don't respect each other and make unkind comments.
- Children use it to bully other children.
- People's right to privacy is not always respected.
- Some information is not reliable and there is a lot of fake news.
- People are sometimes tricked out of money and savings.
- Companies and businesses are hacked and your information can be shared without your consent.
- I spend too much time online instead of doing other things.
- People make fun of others because they don't have the latest technology.

Did you think of any other reasons?





REFLECTION

Thinking about our lives online:

- How can we make sure that the internet is a good place to talk? What could the rules be?
- How can we make sure we are staying safe online?
- Who would you talk to if you had concerns about your own online life or someone else's?

