Internet Safety Day

What is Internet Safety Day all about?



Internet Safety Day has been happening since 2005 in over 100 countries worldwide.

The theme this year is 'Be the Change: Unite for a Better Internet'. Generally, if people stick together, report bad use of the Internet and look after each other, the Internet can be a safe place. The day is concerned with making people aware of online safety issues.

The UK Safer Internet Centre

The UK Safer Internet Centre has one mission: to promote the safe and responsible use of technology for young people. The aim is to make children and young people aware of how to use the Internet safely by making good choices and being responsible online.



How can children be kept safe?

What does 'staying safe' on the Internet mean? The Internet is like a huge door to the outside world and this means there are a lot of strangers out there.

There are some rules which everyone should follow so they make responsible choices and stay safe online.

Some uses of the Internet:

- gaming
- shopping
- learning new information
- reading about celebrities



Did you know?

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 13 years old to have a Facebook account.



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Rules for using the Internet

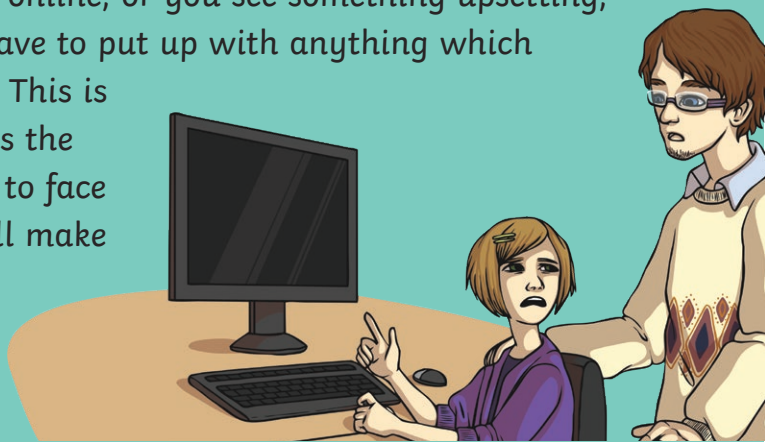


Never share your personal information online. If you were next to a stranger on the bus, you wouldn't suddenly turn to them and tell them where you live or your phone number. So don't pass this sort of information onto someone online. No matter how long you have been 'chatting' to someone, they might not be who they say they are. This means they are still a stranger.

Don't open an attachment sent to you in an email. It could be a virus, which will damage your computer.

Never meet anyone without an adult coming with you. Even if you have been in contact with someone online for some time, meeting them in person on your own is very dangerous. Not everyone can be trusted.

If someone is nasty to you online, or you see something upsetting, tell an adult. You do not have to put up with anything which makes you sad or worried. This is called cyberbullying, and is the same as being bullied face to face – it's just online. It can still make you feel frightened and miserable. Let an adult know straight away!



We can all help make the Internet a safer place. It is a wonderful tool if used properly. However, if it is misused, it can be dangerous. Make the right choices and stay safe online.



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Questions

1. When did Internet Safety Day begin?

2. What is the theme this year, and what do you think it means?

3. Explain what you think "promote the safe and responsible use of technology for young people" means.

4. In the box, there is a list of some of the uses people have for the Internet.
   Think of one more use.

5. Why should you not give personal information about yourself to someone on the Internet?

6. What might happen if you open an attachment with a virus on it?

7. What should you do if you are being 'cyberbullied'?

8. What is the general message of this text?

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