



Templemoor Infant & Nursery School

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Safer Internet Day 'Be the change:unite for a better internet.'

Dear Parents,

Today across the UK, schools are celebrating Safer Internet Day with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'. In school we have been raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home.

The children have had the opportunity to watch a slide show aimed at their age group about Smartie the Penguin. The children watched Smarties adventures as he learns how to be safe on the internet.

You might want to watch the Powerpoint slide show with your child and talk about it.

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>



Take a look at The National Crime Agency website. On this website you will find some good information and child friendly animations with the characters Lee, Kim and SID who is a superhero and helps children stay safe on the internet.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/tips/



Kim and Lee

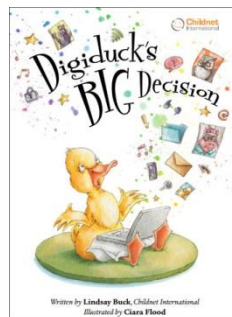


SID the Superhero

A story app (tablet only) following Digiduck and his friends is a story of friendship and responsibility online. The story has been created to help parents teach children aged 3-7 years of age how to be a good friend on line.

You might want to use the story app as a conversation starter about what they should expect from the online world and how to stay safe.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/interactive/digiduck-educational-e-safety-story-app-3-7-years>



Top tips for children!

Always ask a grown up before you use the internet. They can help you find the best thing to do.

Don't tell strangers where you live, your phone number or where you go to school. Only your friends and family need to know that.

Don't send pictures to people you don't know. You don't want strangers looking at photos of you, your friends or your family.

Tell a grown up if you feel scared or unhappy about anything.



Tips and Advice for Parents and Carers

Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place so these tips and links below are a great way to ensure that you are supporting your child to stay safe and positive online.

1. **Be engaged** Talk regularly with your children about how they use technology, and find out what their digital life is like, including how they communicate using images and videos.
2. **Be aware** Explore the online features of the devices you already own in your family and the devices you might buy for your child in the future. Knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online.
3. **Be there** The most important thing is to ensure that you are there if something goes wrong. Your child might be very embarrassed to discuss the issue they are facing so reassure them that they can turn to you no matter what.
4. **Be thoughtful** The internet provides a platform for billions of people to share their views and opinions but not everything or everyone online is trustworthy. Encourage your children to think critically about the things they see online including the images and videos they view on social media. Discussing what they have seen and the message behind a photo or a video can help them consider the difference between fact and opinion, and that there is sometimes more than meets the eye.

I hope you find the information and websites useful. Let us work together and unite for a safer internet.

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