## Online safety for parents

How to help your children stay safe online





Module One



### The Thinkuknow approach

"Today's children are growing up online, and make little distinction between life online and off. Their use of online games, apps and services plays a crucial role in the development of their identities, friendships, relationships, passions and aspirations. It is essential that we respond by offering them high-quality education based on the best available evidence."

Head of Education, CEOP



### Aims

- ★Understand the risks posed to children and what actions can reduce these risks;
- ★Know where to find appropriate guidance and resources.



# What does online safety include?

- ★ Inappropriate material
- ★ Cyberbullying
- ★ Inappropriate behaviour
- **★** Grooming
- **★** Mobile devices
- ★ Privacy/Data protection
- ★ Data transfer
- ★ Hacking
- ★ Viruses/malware
- **★** Identity theft
- **★** Screen addiction
- ★ Persistence of data



Some quotes from young people when told that the information they put online could still be there in five, 10 or 20 years:

- ★ "I had a blog a couple of years ago and want to delete it but I can't, and I had personal details on it!" (female, 16)
- ★ "Potential employers could 'google' you and it could give embarrassing information etc" (male, 16)
- ★ "Really annoying, a search on google brings up stuff I put online when I was really young and I can't get rid of it." (Male, 16)



## Life in 'likes' - report

- ★3 in 4 children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.
- \*Older children started to get into the habit of using all their social media apps multiple times a day, and for some, it had come to dominate their day.
- \*Many children felt uncomfortable and bothered by their parents posting pictures of them on social media, yet felt they could do little to stop it.



# Life in 'likes' – report (2)

- ★In some cases, children worried about their siblings' behaviour online, such as excessive use and ignoring safety messages
- **★**Do I look okay?
- **★**Can we all look like celebrities?
- ★Will my picture get any likes?
- **★**Is this shareable?
- ★I want to be a YouTuber when I am older



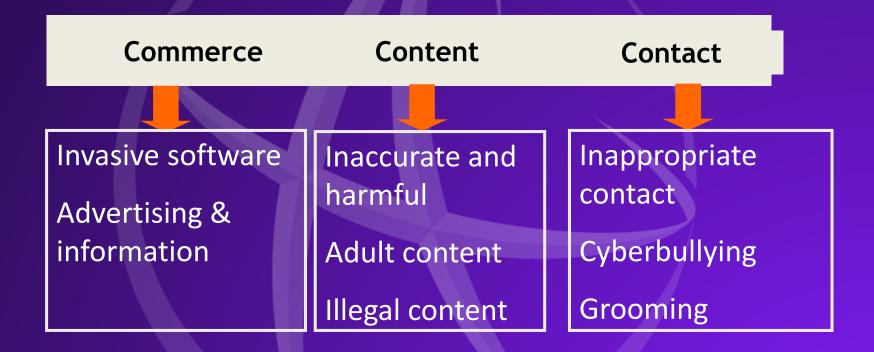
### 3Rs for digital literacy

\*Risks

- know what they are
- **★**Reputation
- protect your online reputation
- \*Resilience
- know what to do when there is a problem



### Potential risks





## A few more potential risks to consider

- **★** Mobile phones
- bluejacking, 24 hour bullying, anonymous or inappropriate texting

**★** Email

- spamming, phishing, monitoring
- **★** File sharing

- spyware, copyright infringement

**★** WWW

- adult content, reliability, viruses, illegal content
- **★** Social networks -
- grooming, cyberbullying, data harvesting
- **★** Location services
  - strangers tracking your location
- **★** Tablet devices
- in-app purchases, addictive behaviour, advertising



### How do you protect your info and devices?

- **★**Don't share personal info online
- **★Don't share pin or password**
- ★Remain vigilant when using digital communications
- **★Install anti-virus software on all devices**
- ★Install anti-spyware
- **★**Parental controls
- \*Automatic scanning of computer
- **★**Google safe search
- **★**YouTube restricted mode ON and Auto play OFF



### **SMART** rules



**SAFE** – Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information 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.



**TELL** – Tell your parent/carer or teacher if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.





## Top tips

- **★**Use latest Operating System
- ★Install security software (firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware)
- ⋆Don't open spam, use spam filter software
- **★**Beware of Wi-Fi hotspots
- **★**Back up data



## Top tips (cont)

- ★Never give out financial info unless you initiated contact and are sure you know who you are dealing with
- ★Limit amount of time children spend online and on a digital device and supervise them
- ★Share your experiences with others issues and tips
- **★** Visit some of the websites from today



### For further information and links

**★Andrew Gunn TLC – (Google site)** 

