

TWO MINUTE TOOLBOX



ON LINE SAFETY

Top Ten Tips for Children

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It is great fun to be using the iPad, mobile phone or games console. It is what adults do all the time, and being honest, children are far better at the internet than our Parents/Carers, aren't we? But just sometimes, we don't listen to advice, we think we know better and we get problems. That stranger that keeps asking me all the questions, how old am I, where do I live? what could possibly be wrong if I tell them. Well remember the video of Kim and Lee which we have shown you in school, remember how Kim had butterflies in her tummy and Lee just wanted the treasure. Have fun on line, but please just remember the following:

- Be very careful when you are playing with an iPad, mobile phone, or games console.
- Make sure you have set the privacy settings on your devices, if you don't know how to do it then make sure you ask an adult who will be able to help you.
- Don't be nasty to people via a text message or instant messenger. Remember you can really hurt your friend's feelings by saying horrible things. Just because you are on a computer, doesn't mean you can act any differently than you would in the playground.
- Be careful about sending photos of yourself or your friends, remember others may pass them on and then you don't know who is looking at you.
- Keep your personal information a secret. Do not put up your name, your age, where you live or what school you go to. This is your personal details so please do not share them.
- If you are talking or playing a game with people on line that you do not know, remember people may not be who they say they are, remember the saying 'Stranger Danger'.
- Don't play games that are rated an 18 or above age – there is a reason for it not being for children below 18
- Talk to your parents/carers about your friends and show them what you are doing, involve them in your on line life, it helps them understand and support you if you need them.
- If you are on line and someone is trying to talk to you, or asking you lots of questions and you are getting a funny feeling in your tummy, tell an Adult straight away. Do not try and deal with this on your own, tell someone you trust and then you will get help.
- Anything you write down on a text message, email or on any social media account like Facebook or Twitter can be traced back to you even if you hide your identity. Information you write down now may come back to bother you when you are a teenager. **Don't write it down!**

