

Bratton Primary School

Parent Online Safety Newsletter



What's happening in the world of Online Safety?

Christmas 2021

Welcome to our new Online Safety Newsletter!

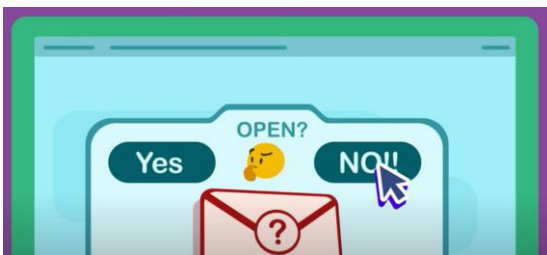
As we all continue to live and learn in different ways, sometimes relying more heavily on online learning, we want to reinforce the positive message of building safe behaviours, whether at home or in school. Please visit our Online Safety page on our website for more support. <https://www.bratton.wilts.sch.uk/online-safety-advice/>

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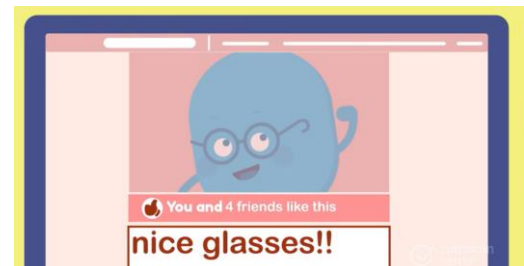
This term Mrs Hawke held an Online Safety Assembly where watched a clip called 'Pause and Think Online'. Watch the clip here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_duZ-1LApg

After singing along and laughing at some of the pictures, we started to pick apart the messages in the song and discuss them in more detail. Overall, we all agreed that when online we must:

Know when it's safe to play online.



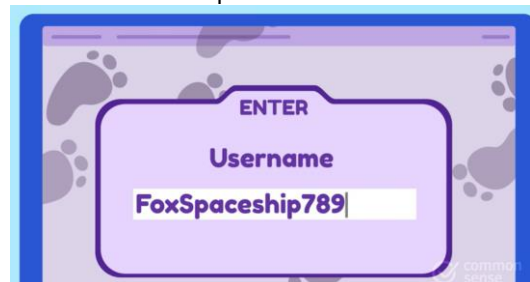
Be kind to each other.



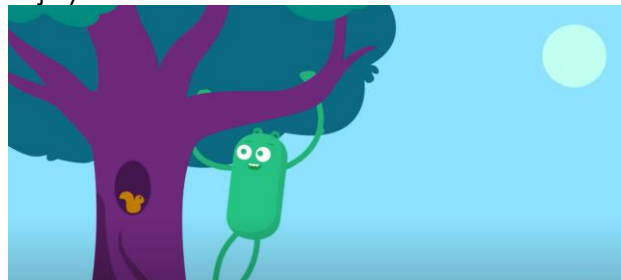
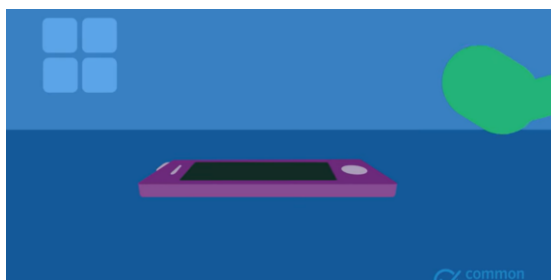
Stand up to bullies – tell an adult.



Never share personal information.



Have some screen free time - enjoy exercise and fresh air.



Talking to your children about Online Safety



Many parents and carers worry about their children staying safe when using technology. Research shows that one of the best ways to keep them safe is to talk to children about the technology they use, when they are using it. But knowing how to talk to children about technology can be challenging.

This [saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk) blog sets out five tips for talking to children of all ages about their technology use. These are:

- 1) Play games together
- 2) Read together
- 3) Explore the online world together
- 4) Watch shows and films online together
- 5) Laugh together

Read the full details of these tips at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/five-tips-talking-about-online-safety-young-children>

Parental controls

With Christmas just around the corner, we thought we'd provide a little reminder about setting up appropriate parental controls for any new phones, consoles or games your child may receive.



Games/consoles

First, check the PEGI rating of any new games to check that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for video games and **considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty**. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and the chat facilities within games. Visit PEGI here: <https://pegi.info/>

For any new consoles, it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out about Parental Controls for each device:



Nintendo: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>