



Stella's Update



I am sure you would not have missed the news lately about personal data breaches at Facebook. I don't think there is a news bulletin without some mention of personal data. I decided to download all my data from Facebook to see what they had on me. Here is a [link](#) to show you how. Gosh, I was shocked. I have strong privacy settings, but the amount I have posted and that has been stored over the years is staggering. It would take me days to go through it all. Mind you, a quick look did reveal some really cute videos of my children 8 years ago.

Facebook have promised to manage our data in a better way but I think this is a little too late. The information is out there already, and we cannot change that. It is also interesting how quiet all the other companies are being; **no word from Snapchat or Twitter on this**. The truth is, they are all harvesting our data. We have to acknowledge that a free service needs to be funded but the amount and range of information that was able to be collected by Cambridge Analytica, including those who had no direct contact with the Company, is appalling. I hope that Facebook are made an example of so that in the future companies will be more careful.

YouTube (Google) are also in breach of American Federal law according to a complaint described in [this article](#). It claims that **much of YouTube is designed for kids and that the company must know it is used by under 13's** despite the statement that it is not for this age group. Despite creating YouTube Kids, popular programmes such as Pepper Pig and Sesame Street have been kept on the main adult site. So much for wanting to protect children – it seems to me what they really want is more users and more advertising revenue! We are £ signs to them, that's it.

I hope that the rise in awareness of personal data issues, as a result of the Cambridge Analytica story, will lead to a requirement that **all social media and apps should automatically default to private rather than public settings**. I also welcome the additional responsibilities applicable to processing of data for those located in the EU soon to come into force under the General Data Protection Regulation. This will require increased transparency about the data collected, the purposes for which it will be used and the right to have data corrected or deleted.

What we ALL need to do to make sure our children and our data from now on is protected, is to go into all of our apps and social media accounts and **check the privacy settings**. We also need to **educate the next generation** in a better way and really stress the **importance of protecting personal information and not oversharing**.

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App Alert: Fortnite

Some of you might have heard about Fortnite. Fortnite is a battle game where children can play in different modes and with different people. There are 2 types of game modes, Duo and Squads, and both allow random players, even if you have secured your privacy settings. If you have children playing this game, you need to press down with your right thumb stick to prevent random players joining. **Issues are starting to arise with this and children are connecting with some rather unpleasant adults who are using explicit language and gestures**. We are working on a parent handout for the next alert in about 10 days time. It will be available on the Gooseberry Parent platform but you may prefer to share it directly with your parents.

Gooseberry Teacher UKCIS Framework

Some of you will know that this came out a few weeks ago. We are working on additional resources for the games to ensure that the platform stays current and fits with the new framework. This will add to the over 150 resource documents available on the platform for teachers to access now.



Gooseberry Parent We have just finished adding more parent advice to Gooseberry Parent. For every scenario in the game, we give advice on creating a conversation and the areas to talk about. There are also over 40 parent handouts explaining different apps, games etc. We support the parent, so that you, as the teacher, can focus on teaching.

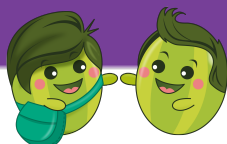




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Events

Come and talk to us if you are in the area. The **University of Salford** are holding an online safety event on the 26th April. They have some great keynote speakers talking on E-safety.

Partners

We are now working in partnership with **Smoothwall**. They are running **Online Safety Master classes** across the country. The next is on the 2nd May in Edinburgh. Follow this link to find out more. [Register Here](#)

Cobis

Cobis Annual Conference "Leading Learning" – 12/13/14th May – London. Follow this [link to find out more](#).



Online Safety - Parent Webinar

10th May 2018 at 8pm

One of my biggest passions is to help parents understand what their children are accessing online. I also understand how hard it is to get parents to attend the workshops you put on. Often you get the engaged parents rather than the ones who really need the advice. This is a webinar and will last a maximum of 90 minutes.

Please copy and paste this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8461769308535695106> and share with your parents to invite them to attend. It is free and there is no sales pitch, just pure information and updates on the latest apps

"Thanks so much for the safety seminar this evening – there were many interesting points made (simple yet effective measures to make our kids safer online) but my greatest take-away from the session is awareness. That rather than to simply ban apps, games or websites, talking to your kids and walking through games and content with them is the key. Kids can then be highlighted to possible dangers which you as a parent might well not have aware of beforehand. Planning to sit down and walk through every app with my son at the weekend! Next time I would really appreciate more tips on website content and restrictions. Keep up the excellent work!"

Gooseberry Planet on the road

If your school is within a 90 minute journey of RG27 9HD, I will be happy to come and present one for you. I could also help train a member of your staff to be a [Gooseberry Guru, so that they can deliver online safety workshops directly to your school community](#).

CPD ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

24th April at 4pm

We know how hard it is to keep up to date with the latest online trends and as teachers you just don't have time to do the research.

We also know that you are often called upon to address the problems of issues online.

Our sessions will provide you with the opportunity to reflect upon and question your own knowledge and give you the help and advice you need when talking to Parents and Students. It is free of charge just [sign up here](#)

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This month's Gooseberry Alert focusses on 'Personal Information' – a great topic to share with your parents. If you haven't registered for this service already, please do. It is free of charge - just [click here](#)

