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Welcome to your 'Gooseberry Alert'. Please feel free to share the 'Gooseberry Planet Tips/Thoughts of the Week'. Helping to keep you and your whole school community **Safer Online**.

Gooseberry Planet Student Tip of the Week

It can be upsetting and very frustrating when you fall out with friends. Avoid sharing your feelings publicly on social media and take time to think about the safest and most respectful way to respond.

Approaching the situation calmly and speaking face to face with people is a good way to start sorting out your differences. Much safer than sharing them online and saying something you regret. **Please share with students.**



Gooseberry Planet Staff Tip of the Week



During school holidays, we see an increase in online bullying that school staff often end up responding to at the start of term. As well as the online world, remind children that the real world can be just as enjoyable as their virtual one.

Talk to your learners and encourage them to spend time with each other and enjoy social time in person. **Please share with staff.**

Gooseberry Planet Parent Tip of the Week

During school holidays, we see an increase in online bullying. The effects of which can be difficult to spot until it is too late.

It can be a challenge to talk to children about what they do online and their friendships. Remember monitoring their safety online is more important than their privacy.

Open a conversation and ask your child to talk to you about what they do online and look at the apps and games they are socialising on and how children use the online world. **Please share with parents.**





Alert of the week – Online Bullying using Social Media

Any app or online platform that enables social contact can support online bullying. As well as the **big four social media apps** (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and WhatsApp) there are other similar apps to be aware of. Yik Yak, Askfm, Kik Messenger, Voxer, Poke, Vine, Whisper, Tumblr, Shots of Me and more.

Don't forget online gaming platforms like Xbox Live, PlayStation Live and Steam. To get a good idea of the risks take 10 minutes to read the reviews or experience these apps for yourself.

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