



Gooseberry Alert 06

Respect and Courtesy Online

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 'Thought' of the Week

It can be annoying when you get stuck in an online game either on your own or in a team.



Game tips and walkthroughs can help by giving you quick and easy answers but there is **no greater feeling than solving the problem yourself**.

Some people think that finding out easy ways to play games is cheating and can lead to more serious behaviour online. What do you think?

Gooseberry Planet Staff 'Tip' of the Week

The World Wide Web is a paradox. A world where **knowing right from wrong can be confusing and where reward comes from behaving in ways that would be unethical, immoral and criminal in real life**.

Help your students to develop healthy online behaviours and keep their online lives in perspective. Promote **positive behaviours online by encouraging them to apply the same rules of respect, courtesy and acceptance that they use in life to their life online**.

If they are particularly skilled in the use of technology, **create opportunities that enable them to use their technical skills and talents positively**.



Gooseberry Planet Parent 'Tip' of the Week

Most internet users would not dream of committing a crime in the real world but this can be confusing when it comes to our behaviour online.



Early signs of criminal behaviour online can be something as innocent as the use of gaming cheats but can lead to something more serious for the skilled and talented. These users are motivated by problem solving, curiosity and the need to prove themselves to their peers. With the average age for a suspect placed at 17, cybercriminals are getting younger and younger.



Online games can be a recruiting ground for young, talented but naïve users of technology who see their actions as victimless. It is flattering for young gamers to become valued for their knowledge and gaming skills but this can also make them targets. **Keep an eye on what games your children are playing, who they are being played with and the kind of things they are doing online, focus on the relationships they are building online.**

Alert of the week – SimSimi

An Artificial Intelligence (AI) social networking chat bot app that learns from conversations, questions and user's responses. This free app is full of pop ups and adverts, it asks personal questions and you can talk about anything and anyone and then share it publicly.

It is easy to see how and why users misuse this app for online bullying and can believe they are talking to a real person.

It allows the user to ask the app to 'think for them' and creates a comment based on the conversation that is being had. It is clear why this is attractive to younger users but **it should be avoided by all.**

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