



Gooseberry Alert 07

Fake News

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 Student 'Tip' of the Week

It is difficult to know what news is real and fake online. If you see a news story online and it upsets you or you are not sure if it is true or not, always speak to a trusted adult about it.



Gooseberry Teacher 'Tips' of the Week

Use and develop Critical Thinking skills, helping learners to question and **spot fake news online**. Some key questions to consider when analysing online news and stories:



- Who created the news article and why might they have written it?
- Has it been presented fairly and with a balanced opinion?
- How is knowing this news helpful? What might have been left out of the news?
- Do the details, contents, pictures, sources, quality of writing, spelling give clues to it being fake or truthful?
- Is the heading 'Click Bait'? Might people get paid if you click on it?
- Who might benefit or be harmed by the message

Gooseberry Parent 'Tip' of the Week

It is common to get our daily news from our online feeds. There is so much fake news online it can be difficult to know what to believe. Now that anyone can post anything it is getting harder to tell. We all need to be able to decode what we read online.

- Use reliable and trusted online sources and check other online sites to verify details
- Read information two or three times and look for inconsistencies
- Check out the 'About Us' section of the webpage. If it difficult to find information about the page and its authors you might begin to think if they are sharing genuine news





Alert of the week

There is plenty of fake news around. Consider using the National General Election in the UK and other global, national or local events to explore the topic of Fake News with children.

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Parent App

We are delighted to announce that our **New Gooseberry Parent App is now live**. Parents can now register themselves for **free** and **receive real time updates on their child's responses** upon completion of Gooseberry game scenarios.

Audio for Playground is now in live. Simply login, make sure your sound is activated and enjoy audio commentary that now accompanies the Playground level of Gooseberry Planet. More levels to follow in our next development phase.

Snap Chat

Our latest **Parent Handout on Snap Chat** is now available. Please visit Gooseberry Teacher to access this resource and encourage Parents to register and access the full selection of handouts on our new **Gooseberry Parent** app in the **Resources** area.