



Gooseberry Alert 09

Responsible Behaviour 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 Student 'Tip' of the Week



Avoid drama online by keeping negative and unkind comments to yourself. If your post or comment about someone or something is likely to create trouble or upset, think before you post it for all to see. Be kind online. **Please share with students.**

Gooseberry Teacher 'Tips' of the Week

As a teacher, you are especially vulnerable online but have just as much right to use social media as anyone else. Be aware of your **Staff Behaviour Policy** and appreciate that social media activity can make you a target for both students and parents. It provides others with opportunities to make personal and professional comments about you online.

Prevention is often safer and you can help by **checking and editing your friends list regularly, choose your friends wisely, adjust your privacy settings to control who sees what you share online and be mindful about what you are posting and sharing.**

This will not stop others posting their own comments on their social media, so in accordance to your Staff Behaviour Policy, **report inappropriate social media posts made by students, parents or indeed colleagues to your line manager or Senior Leadership team and consider taking a break from any social media activity online.**



There is support and guidance available and all inappropriate comments and behaviour should be dealt with offline. **As a teacher, you are a professional and should respond in a considered and professional manner. Please share with staff.**

Gooseberry Parent 'Tip' of the Week

As a parent, if you have an issue with a member of staff or are unhappy about something relating to your child's education or school policy, **seek direct support** from someone you trust at the school. Posting negative comments online is unhelpful and may not improve the situation for you or your child. **Take time to think** with a level head and avoid reacting with angry or upsetting posts online. These types of situations can often be **resolved face to face, much quicker and positively offline.** **Please share with parents.**



Alert of the week – ‘Be Kind’ campaign

Gooseberry Planet are proud to support ITV’s **This Morning** programme with their ‘**Be Kind**’ campaign. Please pledge your support by watching the 10 minute video with your children. Click and share the accredited link to learn about the consequences of bullying both on and offline. Use this as an opportunity to talk to children about bullying behaviours and what role they can play in the prevention and response to bullying.

Pledge to help your children know that they can ask for help, for them to know that someone cares and for them to know how important it is to **BE KIND**.

<http://www.itv.com/thismorning/hot-topics/pledge-to-share-our-anti-bullying-message>

Please note this video can only be viewed using IOS supported mobile devices.

For details about the ‘**Be Kind**’ campaign please visit <http://www.itv.com/thismorning>