



Gooseberry Alert 12

Online Safeguarding: Grooming

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

Has someone online ever acted inappropriately towards you? Or asked you to do something you sense is, not right? Has this made you feel upset, uncomfortable or unsure? If you are worried or upset by anything in the real world or online, **always tell and talk to a trusted adult**. Remember it is **never too late to tell and talk**. Please share with your students.



Gooseberry Teacher 'Tip' of the Week

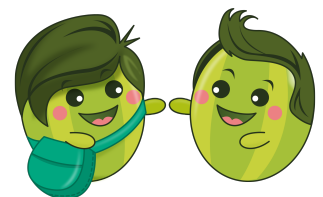


Learn with your students **to recognise the signs of Online Grooming, how to respond and who to speak to** if it is happening or has happened to them or someone that they know. Be proactive and establish **preventative measures** and strategies that develop and **promote independent skills and positive behaviours** for students to keep themselves safer online. Use your **Gooseberry Planet resources and game scenarios to explore Online Grooming in a safe and constructive way**. Please share with your staff.

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Gooseberry Parent 'Tips' of the Week

Help protect your child from Online Grooming by following some simple steps. **Approve and monitor every app on your child's devices**. Trial the chatroom, app and website for yourself. Read reviews to see what other people say about it. Discuss what your child is doing online with them. Ensure they know what to do and who to speak to if they are contacted by people online. Please share with Parents.





Alert of the week – Random Chat Rooms, Apps and Websites

We have been contacted this week by several schools raising awareness and sharing their current concerns regarding **Online Grooming and inappropriate contact online**. Children are unknowingly putting themselves at risk by downloading and accessing **free chat rooms, apps and websites** that support **random messaging, voice and video chat**. This type of Social Networking promotes random and often sexualised contact with people online. Other risks also include signing up and sharing personal details. Children are encountering random people, some of whom are within 5 miles of them. Random chat apps and websites use webcams which allow the chat to be recorded, shared and saved. Popular random chat apps to be aware of are **TinyChat, Omegle, Chatroulette, Anybodyoutthere and YikYak** but there are many more. **It is important that we educate ourselves and our children to make responsible and safer decisions online, recognise the signs of Online Grooming and know who to go to for help.**

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WhatsApp

Our latest **Parent Handout on WhatsApp** 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.

COMING SOON – YouTube