



Gooseberry Alert 17

Understanding what you see online

Welcome to your 'Gooseberry Alert', now every other week. 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 'Thoughts' of the week

Things that happen in the real world can be quickly shared online, both in the news and by people you know. **Sometimes it can be difficult to know what to believe.** If you have seen or read something online and you feel worried, angry, confused or upset by it, always **speak to someone you trust who can talk with you about it.** **Using reliable and trusted sources online and in the real world, can help you to check the facts for yourself.** This can help you with difficult real life situations too. **Please share with your students.**



Gooseberry Teacher 'Thoughts' of the week



It can be a challenge for adults to understand what happens in the real and online world, even more so when you are tasked with helping and supporting children make sense of what is going on around them. Social media can spread messages and information quickly and it can be difficult to know what is true, false and fake. This might be particularly important after an upsetting local, national or global event. To help your students understand and form educated opinions about what they read and see online, encourage them to think about where information comes from. **Using reliable and trusted sources and checking different places to verify information can help your students make decisions about true, false and fake information.** **Please share with your staff.**

Gooseberry Parent 'Thoughts' of the week

Social media plays a big part in sharing information quickly online. It can be difficult to know what to believe. **If your child has seen something online or in the real world, take time to speak with them about it.** This might be particularly important after an upsetting local, national or global event. Your child may read information, watch videos online and hear comments that might need explaining. **Using a variety of reliable and trusted sources to check information can help you to form an opinion and explain difficult information.** **This can help reduce the risk of false and fake news and encourage your child to check facts for themselves.** **Please share with Parents.**



What is alerting you this week?

Just like the World Wide Web, **Gooseberry Planet is an online community.** We aim to bring you the latest information, sharing support and tips to help **reduce risks and keep you and your whole school community safer online.**

This week we invite you to send us your alerts about the apps, websites or issues online that you are concerning you, your students and their parents/carers.

Let us find what you need to know and share our tips with you. Helping to keep everyone safer online.

Tweet your alert to: @Gooseberryplan
Contact us at: www.gooseberryplanet.com
Email us: help@gooseberryplanet.com



NEW RESOURCES... NEW RESOURCES... NEW RESOURCES...

Gooseberry Student

Town Level has been released and is now live (desktop access only). Android and IOS release for Town Level in the next month. Other exciting things have been happening on Gooseberry Planet over the summer. **Playground, Street and Village are now supported by audio on IOS and Google Play.** City Level, coming soon.

Gooseberry Parent

We are delighted to be able to introduce our new **Parent Handouts. 22 resources** that inform parents about what they **need to know** and how they can **reduce the risks for themselves and their children**, when choosing and using popular apps. Access these resources through **Gooseberry Parent** and **Gooseberry Guru**.

Gooseberry Guru

Learn how to secure online social media accounts with our new **'How To'** presentations on **Snapchat** and **Instagram**. Access these resources and more through the **Gooseberry Guru** portal.

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