



Gooseberry Alert 19

Safer Searching 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 'Tips' of the week



There is a wealth of useful information online but finding exactly what you want can be difficult. A good place to start is with **responsible and safer browsing**. **Web browsing is a skill**.

- When browsing online **try using more than one word** to help you get more useful results.
- **Avoid using rude or inappropriate words** to help reduce the risk of unwanted results.
- **Check a few different sources and websites** to help ensure accurate results.
- **Talk to a trusted adult** if you have seen or heard something online that has upset you.
- **Bookmark your favourite websites**.

Please share with students.

Gooseberry Teacher 'Tips' of the week

When asking learners to 'do research', support them with safer and responsible searching tips to help them get the results they need. **Web browsing is a skill**.

- Offering learners, a **starting point for their online research** can help them to learn safer browsing skills.
- Consider **checking out and sharing trusted websites** before setting a task to help reduce the risk of poor quality or inaccurate results.
- **Creating the search criteria as part of the lesson** may also help ensure success.
- Encourage learners to **check their findings across two or three different websites** and promote the use of different sources including, books and encyclopaedias.
- **Consider the structure of the research tasks**
- **Keep outcomes specific** to help learners find relevant information.



Please share with staff.

Gooseberry Parent 'Tips' of the week



Searching and web browsing online is a skill. Responsible and safer searching can help reduce inappropriate browsing and results.

- **Choose a web browser and take time to secure and manage the settings**.
- **Securing what can be searched for and managing the results** can help reduce the risk of inappropriate searching and content.
- **Signing up to an account** can help you further manage, secure and lock the web browser security settings.

Please share with Parents.



In the news... In the news... In the news... In the news... In the news...

The children's charity Barnardos have published a report that looks at how technology has changed the face of childhood over the last 30 years. It presents some useful and insightful statistics surrounding behaviours throughout the years and how they are changing in accordance with the development of new and emerging technology.

To view the publication by **Barnardos: Childhoods in a Digital World**, please visit www.gooseberryplanet.com and Login to **Gooseberry Teacher**, **Gooseberry Parent** or your **Gooseberry Guru** resource area.

What is alerting you this week?

Halloween!

Staying safe over a school holiday can be extra tricky, especially when it is Halloween. Please remember that not everyone wants to take part in the spooky fun.

If you or your students have plans this Halloween please enjoy them safely and responsibly.

Top Tricks for staying safer online this Halloween

- **Take and share spooky selfies responsibly**
- Trick or treating? **Keep your location secure and private** to help avoid people knowing where you are
- **Always stay in a group if you are out and about**, better still to help collect more treats, **go with a trusted adult and plan to visit trusted family and friends**
- **Keep your devices safe** by putting them in a pocket or bag **put them away when crossing roads**
- **Turn off Geo Tags and Location** in photos and videos
- **Keep your device fully charged** to help you make contact in case of an emergency
- **Secure privacy settings and turn off Bluetooth** to avoid strange or inappropriate contact
- Behave sensibly, safely and respectfully and avoid any unkind behaviour
- **Avoid creating, sharing, posting any inappropriate material online** or the trick could be on you!
- **Save 'Checking In' until you get home** to help protect your whereabouts
- **Avoid searching online for spooky videos and games** these may be scarier than you realised



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