Gooseberry Alert 22
'Christmas is a time for sharing'
… safely 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 end of term 'Thoughts'

If we are very fortunate, Christmas gives us the chance to have some fun, exchange gifts and **share time with friends and family**.

This Christmas, **if you are lucky enough to receive a game, gadget or gizmo that can be used online, remember to enjoy using it safely**.

When keeping yourself and other people safer online, **it can be difficult to remember everything**.

- What are your top 3 tips when it comes to keeping yourself and other people safer online?
- How do you plan to share safely online? Think about how you use technology.

Tip: Take a break from your tech and share some time with people in the real world.
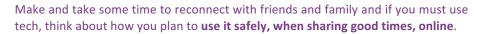- What fun ideas do you have without using any technology at all?

Please share with students**.**

Gooseberry Teacher end of term 'Reflection'

Taking time away from tech is just as important for adults as it is for children.

Consider turning off notifications, alerts, emails from work and **taking a break from a life online**.

Make and take some time to reconnect with friends and family and if you must use tech, think about how you plan to **use it safely, when sharing good times, online**.

Whatever your plans are, remember that a digital footprint is for life not just for Christmas.
Help avoid unwelcome gifts and share safely online.

Please share with staff.

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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Gooseberry Parent 'Thoughts' for the festive season

Taking time away from tech is just as important for adults as it is for children. **Showing children how and when to use technology responsibly** can help encourage them to follow our example and help **improve health and wellbeing**.

If you plan to give devices, games, gadgets and gizmos as gifts this Christmas, **being clear with your expectations about how and when technology should be used, can save misunderstanding later**.

Be aware of what children are accessing online and make sure online content is appropriate for their age. You are unlikely to allow them to watch films that are unsuitable, the same idea applies to apps, games and websites.

Think about what is being shared online by the whole family and remind them to **manage digital footprints with careful sharing online**.

Help avoid unwelcome gifts this Christmas by using technology securely and safely online.

For more tips for a safer festive season online, read Gooseberry Alert 21 'Smart Technology'

Please share with Parents.

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Are Facebook really making it safer for children to chat online?

How **do you** help keep children safer when chatting and social networking online?
How **would you** help manage the number of unauthorised and underage users of social networking apps?

Facebook have recently launched a modified version of their popular 13+ social networking app, aimed specifically towards children under the age of 13.

The new app, called 'Messenger Kids', is currently only available on iOS and in the US but it is only a matter of time before it goes global, with its availability on Android expected soon. The free chat app for under 13s boasts stricter parental controls that include permission and 'friend' approval, child-friendly features, screened content and safety filters.

This idea raises some interesting questions and perhaps, quite rightly, some concern. It is a case of 'watch this online space' as we will be monitoring the reactions and developments regarding this app as they unfold.

Keep a look out for a new Gooseberry Parent Handout on Facebook 'Messenger Kids' in the new year.

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