

Alert 52: Digital Footprint

Please feel free to share your Gooseberry Alert with students, staff and parents. All that we ask in return, in the spirit of modelling positive digital citizenship, is that you acknowledge *Gooseberry Planet Limited* as the source of your advice.

Gooseberry Student 'Discussion' of the week

A digital footprint consists of all our traceable online activity such as texts, comments, photos and videos posted and shared. It also includes information about us which is collected and shared by apps and cookies. Our digital footprints can identify us online and give others an impression of the sort of person we are.

Explore the topic:

- What sort of online behaviour would create a good impression?
- What might create a bad impression?
- How can we avoid creating a bad impression?

Activity: Share ideas to create a class charter of how to protect your digital footprint

Gooseberry Teacher 'Thought' of the week

The Govt has issued Guidance: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers](#), which states that despite school closures, children should continue to be protected when they are online. It suggests that schools revise their child protection policies to meet the new challenges.

Amongst other issues, the guidance recommends that schools address how concerns about children online should be progressed and how issues of peer on peer abuse may require different reporting and supporting measures. It also suggests that school communications with parents and carers should be used to reinforce the importance of children being safe online. Why not share our Digital Footprint blog with your school community.

If you are a Gooseberry School, we recommend teaching about digital footprints and good digital citizenship using the following Gooseberry Planet scenarios:

Playground: Scenario 6 Sharing Online; Scenario 8 Online Bullying

Street: Scenario 4 Posting Safely

Village: Scenario 1 Digital Footprint; Scenario 7 Illegal Downloading

Town: Scenario 1 Digital Footprint

City: Scenario 1 Safe sharing; Scenario 2 Digital Footprint

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