



'LET'S CREATE A BETTER INTERNET TOGETHER'

E-Safety

Issue 6

Reporting Abuse

The Internet

The internet can be a fantastic place for children and young people where they can talk to friends, be creative and have fun. However, just like in the real world sometimes things can go wrong.

If you or your child are worried or upset about something which has happened on the internet there is help out there.

Real Life

We all watch the news and are aware of some of the online dangers which the children face but are reluctant to believe that this can happen to our children. Would you know what to do if

your child sees something inappropriate or is approached by someone unknown?

Help Available

The 'How To' guide for this week is about reporting online abuse. Hopefully you will never have to use this feature but below are some of the ways in which you can get help or advice if you or your child are feeling uncomfortable with things online. The worst thing which can be done is nothing.



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Don't forget to look at the Think U Know website for any information to help with e-safety at home.

Are you worried about your child?

Has someone acted inappropriately towards your child online?

If your child has experienced sexual or offensive chat that has made them feel uncomfortable or someone is trying to meet up with them, you can report this directly to CEOP.

This may have happened in a chat room, message board, instant messenger or on a social networking site. It could be on a mobile phone, games console or computer. It could be messages, images or conversations over webcam. The important thing is that if an adult is making sexual advances to your child on the internet you should report it to CEOP.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/>

What help can I get for my child?

If your child needs someone to talk to because of anything which has upset them, it could be that they are being bullied or that they have seen something online which they wish they hadn't, there are a number of places they can go.



Children can ring Childline on 0800 1111 and speak to trained counsellors about any problems they may face. Childline is run by the NSPCC and is there to help your child.

The [Childline website](http://www.childline.org.uk/page/s/home.aspx) also offers excellent help and advice on a whole range of issues.

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Help from Cyber Mentors

Cybermentors is a place your children can go to talk to other people their own age if they are being bullied or are troubled by things.

The [Cyber Mentors site](http://www.beatbullying.org/) offers excellent advice and guidance so please use it.

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Worried about viruses, hacking and online security?

Being the victim of online crime can be as distressing as real-world robbery. Learn about the real risks and understand the urgency of protecting your family at [GetSafeOnline](http://www.getsafeonline.org/).

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Seen something illegal online?

If you have come across something you think might be illegal online, such as sexual images of children and young people, then you can report this to the [Internet Watch Foundation \(IWF\)](https://www.iwf.org.uk/report). It's their job to make sure that things like this are taken off the internet.

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