HOW INTERNET SAVVY ARE YOU ???

The internet opens up a fascinating world to information and opportunities. In these unprecedented, unusual times, it is highly likely we are spending more time on-line than ever before with, for example, school work and staying connected to people and the outside world...
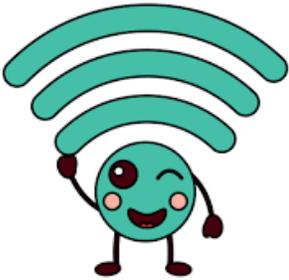
TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY IS SAFER INTERNET DAY!

Here are some things to think about to stay safe on-line!

1. Usernames and passwords

Avoid using personal information in your username. Instead, think of a favourite word, place or activity.

Treat your username and passwords like your toothbrush! – it's just for you to know and use and do not share them even with your friends.

2. It can come at a cost

Games and apps can cost you money. Even when you have the game, beware of being charged extra costs! Look out for words/signs such as *'Buy now', 'app purchases'* and *'game purchases'*

If you are unsure at all.... talk to an adult

Questions to ask yourself...

Do I have to pay to play?

How much do I really want to pay?

Is it worth it?

Whose money am I spending?

3. Avoid sharing any personal information about yourself.

What are your favourite things to share on-line? Is it memes, stories, selfies, funny videos, photos of friends and family?

Whatever you share it's really important to do it safely and positively!

What is personal information? Details about your life which should be private and details which could give away information about who you are or which could put you at risk with a stranger such as:

your full name, address, telephone number, birthday, school and password

Which of these is personal information??????

- A selfie of you and your friends taken at school
- A photo of your dog
- A photo of your birthday party
- A Vlog of a day out

4. Remember... anything you share on-line can be shared very quickly! How long do you think something can stay on-line?

It's really difficult to take back what you share. *'I can delete it'* I hear you say... but others can quickly screenshot it and share widely. A joke or a photo you share in private can end up being shared on the World Wide Web!

Think... and think again before you share.... and if you are unsure about any of the following... think again!

Are you sharing anything that could allow someone you don't know to identify you?

Is what you are sharing going to give others a good impression of you?

How is what you are sharing going to make others feel?

Would you be happy for your parents, your teachers, your grand-parents or someone across the world to see what you have shared?

Have you got privacy settings in place to protect the things you share? Is your account private?

For more information visit:

https:// www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-say/2021

Good luck everyone and STAY SAFE!

5. Only talk or game with people you actually know for real – Are they real-life friends and family?

A lot of what we see and hear on the internet isn't real.

6. If you don't feel safe... talk to someone you trust.