

Key Messages from the Cyber Safety Talk by PC Jane Commins

- **Problems on Trains**

- Text - 61016 and message the Transport Police if you see anti-social behaviour or feel threatened on our trains.

By sending a text you are anonymously alerting the authorities who will be called to the next station to offer support.

- **Check your Settings**

- Make sure all your settings and filters are correctly set
- If you haven't got the necessary settings and report a problem to the police they are less likely to investigate but will just offer you advice about protecting yourself.

- **Webcams and Cameras**

- Cover all webcams with a sticker. Even the very best software and viruses cannot see through a sticker. This way no one will be able to turn on your camera without you knowing.

- **Realistic Avatars**

- Know who your children are speaking to in real life.
- There are some avatars out there that are so realistic and can react to voice commands such as "wave" or "stand-up" so you can be led to believe they are a real person. Voice changers are used to make them sound older or younger.

- **Friendly Wifi**

- Look out for Friendly Wifi symbol in public places to know your internet connection will be suitable for families.



- **Internetmatters.org**

- BT, Virgin, Sky and TalkTalk can put a filter on your broadband so no over 18 content can access your property via your wifi
- Internet matters can also offer lots of other safety advice

- **Train your children to message correctly**
 - Make sure children know all messages (even ones like snapchat) are traceable via your IP address.
 - Teach them - if you wouldn't say it in real life or to your parents then don't type it on the internet.
 - No use of the internet or messaging between friends is every private or confidential. Check your child's use of messaging on a regular basis, ensure that they are using it in a public space.
 - Don't ban your child from messaging or they will only access it via a friend's device, instead train them to use it correctly.

- **Location Settings**
 - Turn off location settings you don't need via the settings on your device.
 - Make sure children don't accept 'Find my Friend' or 'Find my device' from people they don't know.

- **GeoFencing**
 - If you have older children who are gaining in independence. Set up GeoFences that will alert you if they have ventured out of a specified zone.

- **OOvOO and other social media sites**
 - These are where children can video message as a group.
 - Remember that if one member of the groups accepts a request of a stranger to join the group then all other members are accessible. You might not be aware of this new member.

- **Reporting concerns**
 - Most social media sites have a report facility for unsolicited or inappropriate messaging causing concern.
 - Make sure you report it and take a screen shot before blocking the user.
 - Copy the Profile URL if reporting it to the Police.
 - Our school website has a button on the home page to help you report any online concerns