

Online Safety

Keeping your child safe online





Your child could see something that may scare, confuse or upset them
This could be in the nature of...

- Violence
- Sexual content
- Extreme opinions
- Inappropriate advertising
- Inappropriate content

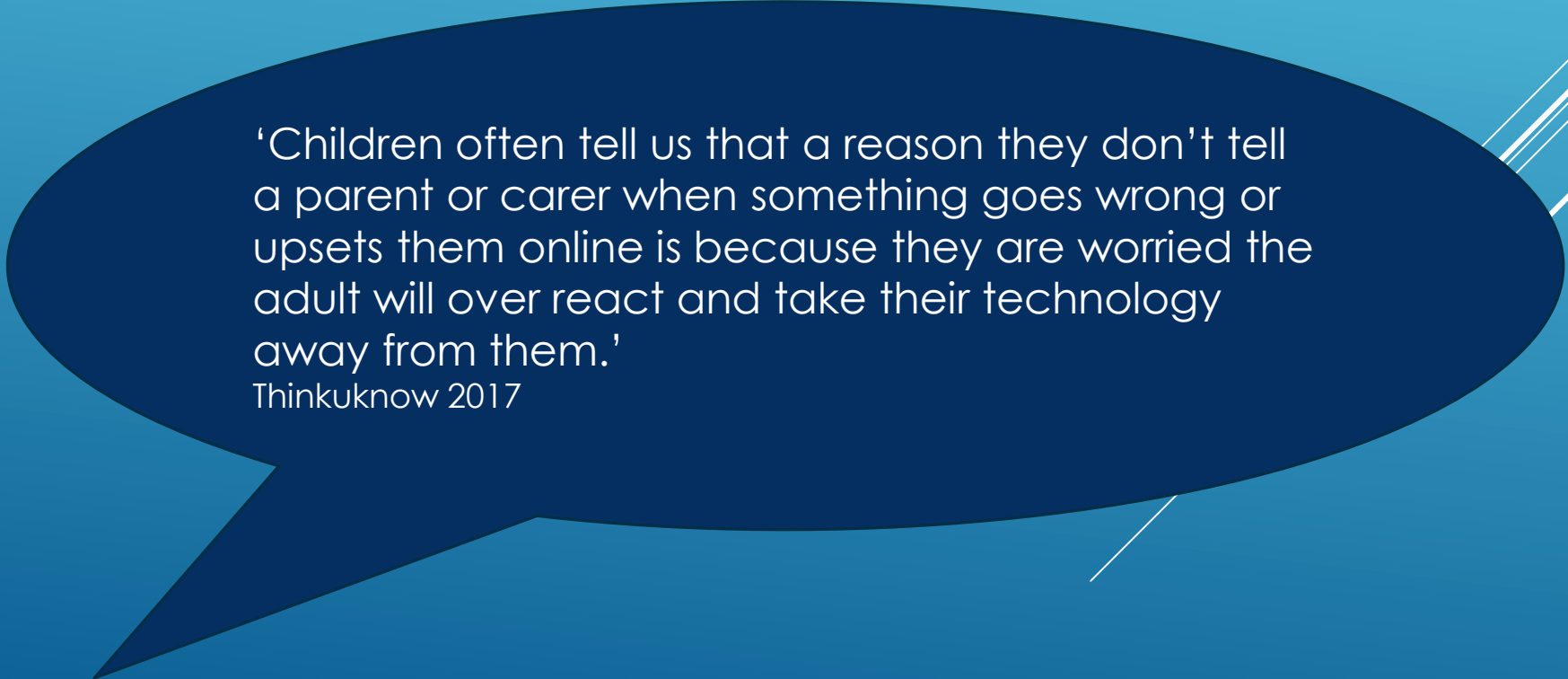
You may be thinking this can't happen to my child... but unfortunately it does occur more than what we think.

YouTube for example you could be watching a children's programme and then the next video can be something else that is inappropriate.

Google for example your child could be searching for something innocent but inappropriate results are brought up.

No matter how old your child is as soon as they begin using the internet it is important that we keep them safe and we teach our children how to be safe.

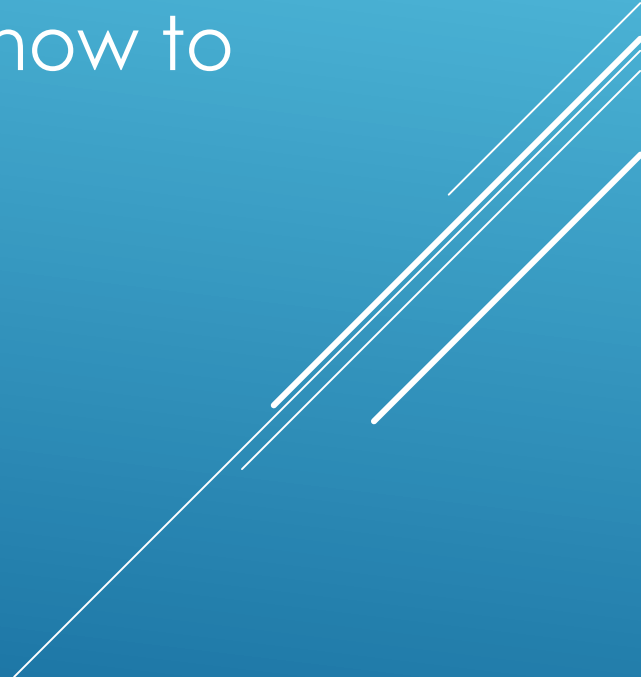
You can't always be there when your child is using internet enabled devices - even though it is advisable as much as possible when your child is at primary age. So it is important that your child knows that they can come to you if something online confuses or upsets them.



'Children often tell us that a reason they don't tell a parent or carer when something goes wrong or upsets them online is because they are worried the adult will over react and take their technology away from them.'

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How are we helping as a school

- Filters
 - Lessons in computing consistently talk about the safety of being online
 - Online safety days
 - Talking to the children about the dangers and how to overcome them
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What you can do

- Talk to children discuss the dangers, explain to them that they can talk to you about what they have seen if they are upset, confused or shocked
- Check parental controls they will enable you to filter out inappropriate content. You can also use it to set time limits for using the internet and apply age restrictions for games they play. Most major Internet Service Providers, like Talk Talk, Sky, BT and Virgin Media, provide free parental controls, as do most devices and games consoles. If you look online there are step by step guides showing how to set up parental controls on a range of devices.
- Set the search engine to a 'safe' mode. This means that the search engine will look to block any obvious adult content and not provide it in search results.



YouTube is particularly popular with primary aged children but think about the range of content they can be exposed to. Distressing news stories and other adult content will often appear on YouTube so don't use YouTube as a TV. It is all too easy for children to click on related videos and end up watching something more for an adult so make sure you supervise younger children using it. It is also advisable that you set YouTube search to 'safe mode'. You can find out how in the YouTube safety centre. Make sure you can always hear what they are listening to!

What to do if you are concerned

- Speak to a member of staff we have policies and procedures to help us with these issues
- Ceop thinkuknow

Visit website links that help

- nspcc
- Internet matters. org



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Most important think is to not let this all scare you the internet is such an interesting place and children can learn positive skills as long as it is in a safe environment.

It can sometimes be a little overwhelming because of how rapid the internet is changing our futures children are now stimulated and driven by digital devices, app based technology and curiosity.

There are many ways that an interest in learning about technology can benefit children. It can lead to developing great problem solving and careers so it should be celebrated.