

Cyber Safety in Action - Teacher's resource



These scenarios are designed to help to create conversation starters during class after Internet Safe Education has presented.

Key messages –

- The internet can connect me to real people
- I should feel happy on the computer, iPad, or game
- I always talk to an adult I trust

1 – Jamie told his friend that he had seen something on his device (iPad, game, TV) that made him sad, angry, or frightened (pick whichever feels right for the group). **What should his friend do?**

- Preferred responses – this is arm's length so they will likely give the 'right' answer.
 - Comfort them, but don't ask to see it.
 - Tell an adult if they think that what they saw was given to them deliberately to upset or scare them.
 - Encourage their friend to tell an adult so they can help.
- You could turn this one around – **If you showed your friend something on your device that made you feel sad, angry, or frightened, what would you want them to do or say?**
 - Identify why they would share such a thing and how they would feel about involving an adult, especially if the situation arose because they had gone to a site or used an app that they weren't supposed to access.
- This is designed to open up a discussion about why some apps or sites are **against the rules**. It also lets you talk about how important it is to protect their friends from seeing something upsetting. It's **not kind** to share if it will cause upset or worry.

2 – One of your friend's family puts a photo of you on FaceBook and mentions where you were on the weekend and the name of your soccer club.

- Preferred responses
 - Let your parent know and they will decide what to do next.
 - Likely response, my mum/dad does that anyway so it's not a problem.
- **Why might it be a problem to have your photograph, location, and sports team published online?**
 - Your **identity is private** and other people don't need to know these things about you. Your parents may have rules that don't allow this information to be shared and another parent should always ask permission before posting information about someone else's child. They probably meant no harm, but your family rules are

important to your safety. Your friend's parent would not pin this photo on the pin board at the local shops and yet it would likely be seen by fewer people there.

- **Would you walk up to a person you don't know and tell them where you play sport on the weekends?**
 - Some children do. Talking to people they don't know isn't the problem. The problem is that some people want to know this information for the wrong reasons. They might want to know when your family is not going to be home so that they can rob the house because the family is at the sports event. The difference is the person's intent. Online, some people are looking to do something bad with that knowledge. We are very lucky to live in a country where this does not happen often, but it can. (Reassure safety and the wisdom of playing it safe.)

3 – You're playing a game on a device that is connected to the internet when something pops up in the game and says 'Congratulations. You've won a new PlayStation. Click here to collect your prize.' What would you do?

- Preferred responses
 - Don't click and ignore.
 - Tell a parent if the pop up doesn't go away.
- **Do you think you might have won a new PlayStation?**
 - No – if they say yes – ask what they think will happen next. Lead them to where they understand the popup is a way to collect their information to use for the business or person's benefit such as a parent's identity, DOB, credit card details etc.
 - Reinforce it's a trick to steal money and enough information to pretend to be their parents for some criminal reason such as stealing from someone else.

4 – A game you're playing on lets you buy tokens or hints or allows access to new sections of the game. In order to get these things, they want to know your parent's PayPal account and password. What do you do?

- Preferred responses
 - Don't click and ignore.
 - Talk about 'in-app purchases' and that this is real money that will come out of their parent's bank account.
- **What would happen if you took money out of your parent's purse or wallet without asking and spent it on something you were not allowed to have?**
 - This is the physical/real world example of what they would actually be doing. It's a great idea to find a physical world example to anchor the more abstract online world example.

