

Cyber Safety in Action – Teacher’s resource



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

Key Messages

- The internet is **PUBLIC** and **PERMANENT**
- I protect my personal details online
- People I only know on the internet are strangers
- We all have rules on the internet and computers
- I talk to a trusted adult if I have an online problem

1 – Your friend has a pool party and everyone is having a great time singing and dancing around the pool. Everyone thought it was just good friends enjoying silliness together. An older sibling takes a video and posts it on TikTok. Why is this a problem?

- Issues to consider -
 - TikTok is a video platform for 13+. Most users are much older. The children are in bathers and most are under 13.
 - There was no consent to take or publicly show the videos of children online.
- **Would the situation be different if the video was posted by one of the friends?**
 - It would likely show up in different people’s feed, but it is still a violation of trust and completely inappropriate. Friends respect and trust each other.
- **What could happen next?**
 - The friends who are in the video see the video and some of the comments are unkind or inappropriate.
 - They show their parents. The child who posted the video is in trouble and required to take the video down. There is likely to be conversations between parents and the child who posted the video will face consequences. If someone else took a video capture of it while it was on TikTok – the copy can’t be deleted and there is no way to control who sees it or where it goes. It should be assumed this always happens.

2 – Pat and some friends from school are playing online. One of the friends, James, asks for one of his other friends, Amy, to join the game, even though the other players don’t know Amy. Amy swears and is very aggressive towards them and calls them all sorts of horrible things. Pat owns the game and is in control of the chat. What can Pat do?

- Preferred responses
 - Pat can warn Amy that this isn’t how they have fun. Hopefully the other players will do the same thing. Amy can choose to play their way or leave.

- If she doesn't stop impacting their fun, she can be muted, or they could start a new game and not accept her.
- Pat or any of the players may speak to their parents about Amy's behaviour.
- **What do any of the players know about Amy?**
 - It isn't clear whether James knows Amy in the physical world. Amy may be older and may speak to her friends this way but it doesn't have to be acceptable to this friendship group. It isn't mature or kind. It is violent and unnecessary and may upset some of Pat's friends. It's good to look after each other.

3 – Harry and Kyle are going to a movie on Saturday. An older boy approaches them. This boy used to bully Harry at primary school but now goes to high school. He said he knew they were there because he could see them in Snap Maps. Why would he want to know where they were? How could this have been avoided?

- Issues to consider
 - Snapchat is for 13+. If location is on, people can see how and when you go to school, sport, or out anywhere and with whom if they also have Snapchat and you are connected. People are not always who they say they are online and the people you connect with may have poor intentions.
- Preferred responses
 - He might want to bully or hurt Harry more or he might want to apologise.
 - Turn on privacy settings and turn off location on all apps. In Snapchat that means to go 'ghost'. See if they know the word for turning location off and how to do it. This will indicate who has Snapchat.

4 – A friend tells you they have sent an inappropriate picture to someone they thought they could trust but that person is angry with them now. What could go wrong?

- Issues to consider
 - 'Inappropriate' is a personal thing. What upsets and offends one person may not upset another. Inappropriate may mean violent, sexual, racist, homophobic or many other things.
 - Any image can be screen shot and saved. Any image can be forwarded.
 - Whatever is sent is potentially permanently available. It can be used to extort future favours or force you to do something you would rather not, for fear of it being released or seen by others.
- **What can you do?**
 - Explain to your friend that they can choose not to do this again. They can approach the person they sent it to and ask to see them delete an image that may be embarrassing if someone else saw
 - If the image was potentially offensive to the other person, they should check in and make sure they are OK and apologise if necessary.



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