

CEOP Education Resources - 4th activity pack

The ThinkUKnow team at CEOP have released their 4th activity packs for children and young people. These are short activities, approx. 15 minutes each.

4-5 year olds - click [HERE](#)

5-7 year olds - click [HERE](#)

8-10 year olds - click [HERE](#)

11-13 year olds - click [HERE](#)

14+ - click [HERE](#)

Fake News

There's no doubt the amount of fake news has risen massively over the last few weeks, particularly regarding Covid-19. Some of this is down to terrible journalistic reporting (headline attention grabbing) but if there is one thing that is true about online, the more extreme the more it is shared, usually through fear or outrage by well-meaning people (think Blue Whale and Momo).

It's important that children, young people and adults know how to think critically about what they are seeing, so the basics would be things such as:

- Is the source credible?
- Has anybody else reported?
- Is any research cited and linked?
- Does it make clear opinion or fact?

But it isn't always easy to determine fact from assumption, opinion and plain mistruths, so it's important to know where to look if you're unsure. I have linked 3 websites below which dispel many of the common myths and lies.

That's Nonsense (my favourite) - click [HERE](#)

Hoax-Slayer - click [HERE](#)

Snopes - click [HERE](#)

Digital footprint for young people

Knowing about our digital footprint (what is online about us) is vitally important. Many people don't realise what or how much they share. For young people in particular there are many reasons why understanding their digital footprint is even more important, such as employability, identity theft, and the obvious safeguarding concerns.

Get your child to search their own information. This includes any social media usernames they have or gamer tags they use. How do the results portray them? For example, if they were an employer and were looking at that person, would they employ that person? If you were an insurance company, would you insure that person?

For the 2019 video click [HERE](#)

For the older video (my preference) click [HERE](#)

Videos for 6-9 year olds from Childnet

Childnet have started to release some videos specifically for children aged 6-9. They are short, 15 minute activities based on the 'SMART' rules. The first two have been released with the rest to follow soon.

Click [HERE](#) to view the videos.

How to NOT go to School

This is a lovely, free book written by Mr. Forde, a Y3/4 teacher, to help children come to terms with school shutdown. Parsley Miblewood is a home-schooled kid who sees herself as something of an expert on "How to NOT go to School". The story follows her daily whimsical adventures along with her 11 animals and 7 imaginary friends. Each chapter explores an issue that might be weighing on children's minds at the moment such as missing friends, dealing with emotions and feeling cooped up unquote.

Download the book [HERE](#)

Best wishes

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