

Most Wanted!

We are aware that many sites seem harmless, and attract children. They are not always as they seem. Along with Henry, founder of eCadets, we have come up with four popular sites, which, in our opinion, are not appropriate for our children!

MUSICAL.LY - Great fun with lip-syncing, but lots of inappropriate content including explicit song lyrics

YELLOW - Connects users with strangers on snapchat and adds them as a friend

LIVE.LY - Live video streaming and video chat with strangers

YouNow - Chat, picture sharing and live video streaming with strangers online

Social media sites, if used responsibly, can provide great benefits to users. However, along with eCadets Ltd, Barnton Community Nursery and Primary School is of the opinion they are not safe for primary aged children.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!



Barnton Community Nursery and Primary School

A School of Opportunity - Inspire, Believe, Achieve!

Keep your Child Safe On-Line!



We tell our children to share, but on-line it's different. In fact, sometimes sharing online can be dangerous.

The internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have better technical skills than you do.

However, children and young people still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely.

Let's work together and keep all of our children safe!

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives on-line is through discussion. Why not use our conversation starters for parents and carers to get the ball rolling?

Conversation starter ideas:

1. Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing on-line.
2. Ask them about how they stay safe on-line. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
3. Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

Social Networking

Social networking sites such as Instagram and Facebook are popular with young people, even those who are of primary age. **Many sites have a minimum user age of 13**, although some interactive sites are designed specifically for younger children.

Young people need to protect their online reputation...

Young people use social networking sites for many different purposes; to communicate with their friends, to share content and to find out new information.

You need to remind your child that they need to be careful about what they're posting on-line. **Children can sometimes believe that social networking sites are a private space for them and it can be difficult for them to realise that what they're posting on-line may be publicly visible and can be spread very quickly to a large audience.**

The blur between public and private expression can potentially put a child at risk in two main ways:

Content: Content which is uploaded online can be copied, altered and reposted by anyone and it is very difficult to 'take back' what may be later regretted.

Contact: Young people need to be aware of how much personal information they upload onto these sites. If a user of a social networking site doesn't protect their information by enabling the correct **privacy settings** they might be sharing their information with strangers, some of whom may have malicious intentions. Posting or chatting about personal details might enable someone to identify and contact your child online or in person.