

Understanding Safer Internet Day 2021



What is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is an annual event which is going to be held on 9th February 2021. It's a global celebration all about technology and how children and young people can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.



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Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with the young people you work with – whether that's trying out some of the learning activities in this pack, holding an assembly or running an event. Your school or organisation could tell parents and carers about the day, and support it on social media, or you could ask young people to share their best tips for staying safe online. Find out how your school/organisation can help to spread the word in the 'Campaign activities' document, or online here: saferinternetday.org.uk.



The theme for Safer Internet Day 2021 is...

An internet we trust

Exploring reliability in the online world



Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrates the amazing range of information and opportunities online, and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction.

The campaign focuses on how we can know what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world. It will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can appear online and why this may happen. It will also look at the emotional impact navigating a misleading online world can have on young people and why it is important to create a supportive, critical and questioning culture online that encourages debate and discussion. We want to give young people the skills to support one another and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online.

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We know that the issues of misinformation and 'fake news' do not solely affect young people but that these issues do have a great impact in the way that young people feel about their time online. Through Safer Internet Day 2021, we want to help equip young people with the skills they need to spot inaccurate content, which can sometimes be a complex task. Once young people feel more comfortable to spot the fact from the fiction, it is important that we then support them to take the next steps in helping to create an internet full of trustworthy and reliable information.

The online world is a great source of information for young people and adults alike and opportunities to research, learn new facts or skills and even broaden viewpoints are extremely important to all internet users. We hope that, through highlighting the ways to spot inaccuracies online, we can help more people to harness these positives.



Who organises Safer Internet Day?

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), a partnership of three charities – Childnet International, Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL).



Have any questions?

To learn more about Safer Internet Day, what is happening in the build up to the day or the work of the UK Safer Internet Centre:

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