



Safety Online

Aim:

To identify what to do if something on the Internet makes you feel worried, sad or uncomfortable.

Preparation and Materials:

You may wish to get volunteers to act out the story.

Assembly:

Entry music: Try a Little Kindness, Sesame Street.

1. Show the children a tablet/iPad/Smartphone and ask them what it is/what it is used for. Explain some of your favourite things to do on the Internet, for example, watching your favourite TV shows, listening to songs or playing games. The Internet is amazing and we can use it for fun, to learn and to talk to our friends or people who are far away.
2. In pairs, ask the children to discuss the following questions and then feedback:
Do you have any devices at home that you use to go on the Internet?
What are your favourite things to do online?
3. Explain that you are going to tell a story about your friend who had a bit of a problem online, and that you hope the children will be able to help! You may wish to get a volunteer to act out the story as you tell it:
Sonny had been given a brand new tablet for his birthday. He was so excited and couldn't wait to play his favourite game. At the weekends, he was allowed to play one game in the morning and one game in the evening. As soon as he had dinner that evening, he was on his favourite game with his friends, trying to get to the top of the leader board. All of a sudden, the other players started saying unkind things and being mean to Sonny's friend Kayden. One player said, "You're not very good at this game, are you?" The other player continued to say mean things. "I don't want you playing our game anymore" they teased. Kayden quickly left the game.
4. Ask the children to discuss:
What is the problem?
What should Sonny do?
5. Sonny immediately told his parents, who helped him to block the mean player and contact Kayden to check that he was ok. They told Sonny that he was a superstar for doing the right thing and reminded Sonny that it is important to always be kind online and offline. What other virtues did Sonny show?
6. Whenever we are unsure about something on the Internet, we should contact an adult immediately. It is also important to remember to always be kind – both online and offline.

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Reflection:

The Internet can be an amazing place to play, learn and communicate. However, not everyone on the Internet remembers to be kind. Sometimes, we can forget to be kind on the Internet. Think about a time when you have seen, heard or done something unkind on the Internet. What did you do? How did it make you feel? What would you do differently next time?

Challenge:

How can you be kind to someone online this week? Share your ideas with a teacher.

