

Online Reputation

Year 4 Online Safety Home Learning

Autumn Term 2

I can describe how to find out information about others by searching online.



What information can people find about you?



Hello families,

We are learning about online reputation and how people can find information about us and others online.

Information about us can be shared by ourselves, but it can also be shared by friends, family members, schools, clubs and websites without us realising.

This activity helps us to think carefully about what information is online and how to keep a positive online reputation.



What we are learning



To understand that others may search my name online to find information about me.



To know that not all information about me online may have been posted online by me.



To understand that people may alter information or put untrue information about me online with or without my knowledge.



Questions to ask

- Who might search for you online?
- Why might people search for you online?
- Have you ever searched for information about someone else online?
- Can other people put your information online?
- Can they do this without your consent?
- Can other people copy and share your information when you have shared it?
- What information could people find out about you? (family, friends, school, what you look like, interests)
- What could someone do with this information?
- Do people have to ask you before searching for you online?

1 Be a digital detective!

Think about the places where information about you might be online. It could be information you have shared or information that someone else has shared about you.

- ☐ Apps and games you have signed up to
- ☐ Photos shared by family members
- ☐ Forums or leaderboards
- ☐ Your school website or social media
- ☐ Sports or after school clubs
- ☐ Other websites or apps

Use the 'Information About Me' sheet to record what information might be online, who shared it and if permission was sought.



2 What might people find?

When people search for your name online, they might find different types of information, for example:



Photos and videos



Your school



Your hobbies and interests



Friends and family



Where you live (or places you go)



News or achievements

Not all of this information may have been posted by you. Other people (such as family members, friends or schools) might have shared it without you realising.

3 Think about this...

Look at these situations. What information could be found? Who might have shared it? How might it make the person feel?



Mia finds a photo of herself on a friend's social media page from a birthday party.



Sam sees his gamer tag and score on a public leaderboard.



Ella finds a news article about her school sports team that mentions her name.



Leo finds an old comment online that isn't true about him.

4 What could happen?

If someone finds information about you online, they could:

- Find out more about you
- Save your photos
- Pass on your information to other people
- Use the information to make assumptions
- Change or edit the information
- Share untrue information

Information can be copied, shared and changed easily online.



5 Be careful and positive

Think carefully about what you share online. You can:

- ☒ Check what information is already online about you
- ☒ Think before you share photos or personal details
- ☒ Use privacy settings where possible
- ☒ Ask a trusted adult if you are unsure
- ☒ Remember that once something is online, it can be hard to remove

Try to build a positive online reputation by sharing kind, respectful and accurate information about yourself and others.



Talk Together

- What information about you might be online?
- Have you ever searched for a friend or family member?
- Were there any surprises?
- How can we make sure we keep a positive online reputation?



Key Message

Other people can find, copy and share information about you online. Be careful what you share, and always ask a trusted adult if you are unsure.



Be Safe | Be Kind | Be Aware

Further support and information

- NSPCC
- UK Safer Internet Centre
- Childnet



For more advice and guidance, visit our Online Safety page on the Trinity School website.

