

eSmart News – Three C’s of Cybersafety

As a follow on to last fortnight’s article about social media (click here if you missed it), I thought I would discuss the Three C’s of cybersafety – Contact, Conduct & Content. Whilst the best scenario is to keep young children offline as much as possible, it is not the games or social media sites that are the problem, but the behaviours of those on them. By being aware of the 3 C’s most online risks can be minimised.

Contact:

- Friends/followers Vs Acquaintances
- Who can see your personal information
- Who can contact you
- Who are you sharing information with
- Be careful who you trust

Conduct:

- Think before you post, chat, upload, download etc
- Don’t retaliate to or join in cyberbullying
- Treat others with respect
- Be a positive digital citizen (report, rate effectively)

Content:

- Protect your digital reputation
- Protect personal information
- Be wary of scams, pop – ups etc
- Contribute positively to online content such as reviews, blogs etc
- Be a digital skeptic

The [Family Internet Safety](#) Contract by *Think You Know* is a set of guidelines that cover the 3 C’s of Cybersafety well and can assist you and your children to behave in a smart, safe and responsible manner online, thus minimising potential harm.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or feedback – I would love to hear from you.

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