

Welcome to the February 2020 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter

ICO publishes Code of Practice to protect children's privacy online

The Information Commissioner's Office has published its final **Age Appropriate Design Code:**

- **Privacy settings should be set to high by default**
- **Location settings to be switched off by default**
- **Data collection and sharing should be minimised**
- **Profiling allowing children to be served up targeted content should be switched off by default**

The code sets the standards expected of those responsible for designing, developing or providing online services, including:

- Apps
- Connected toys
- Social Media platforms
- Online games
- Educational websites
- Streaming services

The code covers services likely to be accessed by children and which process their data and will require digital services to automatically provide children with built-in baseline of data protection whenever they download a new app, game or visit a website. Find out more [here](#)

Ofcom publishes Children and parents: Media use and attitudes report 2019



Ofcom's Children's Media Lives study provides an in-depth understanding of how a sample of 18 children, aged eight to 18:

- Are thinking about and using digital media
- How this differs and is influenced by age, life stage, family circumstances, peer groups and wider society.
- Explores how digital media use evolves over time as children develop and respond to offline factors such as new schools, friendships, and access to new technologies.

This is Ofcom's sixth wave of its longitudinal study into children's media lives. The sixth wave of research was completed in summer 2019. The research examined a number of core themes across the six waves of research, including:

- the content children like
- how they watch it
- social media
- critical understanding
- online safety.

While all the above topics are covered, the emphasis shifts year on year. In 2019, Ofcom uncovered more about online identity, how children seek attention and perceive influencers online. Read the full report [here](#)

Worksheet for children aged 8-11

In collaboration with **Childnet**, Ofcom have created a worksheet for children aged 8-11 to download and use. The worksheet focuses on:

- What children do when they are online
- How it makes them feel
- Their critical understanding when online
- And where to get advice on online safety.

The aim of the worksheet is to show children the results from Ofcom's research, and encourage them to consider their own online use. These can be used in school or at home. Teachers can use the worksheet as part of lesson plans, Parents can use the worksheet to help start and develop conversations with children about online safety and where to get advice. Access the worksheet [here](#)

Don't forget — Safer Internet Day Tuesday February 11th 2020!

Theme for 2020—Together for a better internet!

Forgot to register?
You can still be involved!
You can still access free resources!
Find out more [here](#)

AND

Take the Safer Internet Day Quiz
Designed for 7-13 year olds
Can be played by anyone
What does your identity look like Online?
Access the quiz [here](#)



Free Primary School PSHE Resource from Dot Com Digital

Dorothy Com, or Dot Com to her friends, is the character at the forefront of a new online safety resource created by children for children.

It aims to educate children to help prevent them becoming victims of crime online through digital threats including:

- online grooming,
- radicalisation,
- exploitation
- bullying
- being recruited by criminals to commit offences
- help to identify children who may be at risk of offline threats.

Dot Com Digital is based on the tried and tested Dot Com education programme which has been used in primary schools for more than 15 years. The programme helps children learn how to manage risks and empowers them to ask for help if they are frightened or worried. Find out more [here](#)

Free PSHE Resources for 11-14 year olds Dove Self-Esteem Project

Aimed at 11-14-year-olds, these body confidence workshops from the Dove Self-Esteem Project are and have demonstrated proven benefits in raising pupils' self-esteem. Each session takes around 45 minutes to one hour or download the **Confident Me** single session workshop. This hour-long session covers the key points from each session:

- Session 1 – Appearance ideals
- Session 2 – Media messages
- Session 3 – Confront comparisons
- Session 4 – Banish body talk
- Session 5 – Be the change

Find out more and watch introductory video [here](#)

Visit Parentzone to access more free Resources [here](#)



Remember! Helpline for staff solely dedicated to supporting the children's workforce:

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH):

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