

Message from the Borden E-Safety Team

Hello again from the Borden e-safety team. I hope the welcome message last week helped you all understand what our plans are. Like last week, we have a phrase we wish to share with you all. This week it is:

“You send it, they see it. You lose it”.

We want to highlight the lack of control you have when you post a message / photo / video etc. onto the internet. Too often we all think “well, it’s deleted now”. It’s really important that we don’t think this. The internet is a big place and when you post a tweet or upload an Instagram photo, it’s out there, completely out of your control and you lose it. We’re not saying don’t post anything on social media, because that’s not what it’s all about, but just take a few extra moments to think about what you’re going to post. For example, do you think the post could be used against you in interviews? Does the post violate any rules or laws? These are important things to think about, but taking a few extra moments to double think over the post could be a pivotal decision. In some cases, for your future.

As an addition to this week's message, we would also like to direct your attention to a website called net-aware.org.uk. This website explains the various types of apps and websites that your son or daughter could be using. It gives them an age rating and a score (between 1 - 5) on how safe and how private they are. It’s a handy tool to get to grips with all the platforms available and gives a clear explanation of them. This can be helpful before signing up for an account.

We’re also happy to announce that we’ve got an email address that your son or daughter can use to discuss any e-safety issues you may have. It doesn’t need to be a big problem, it could just be a general e-safety question that needs clarification.

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I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend and we all look forward to speaking with lots of you in the future.

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