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Safer Internet Day

This year's theme for Safer Internet Day is **"Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online."**

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Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

At Trevithick we have all been looking at what a scam is, how to spot them and how to avoid them. We also looked into what to do if we do get scammed.



Our TLA Tech Team has worked hard to present an assembly to both KS1 and KS2. Below is a link to the video they made. <https://vimeo.com/1055173305>

How to Spot and Prevent Scams

There are lots of different types of scams online that we need to be aware of. Childnet has a helpful guide listing what kind of scams children are likely to encounter online.



Including:

- Gaming Scams - Scams that occur within games, like fake trades (false gaming sites), promising fake in-game currency and phishing for personal information.
- Phishing - Where you might be contacted by an email or message that looks official, they will try to get your log-in details or personal information to access your accounts. These could look like fake giveaways, prizes, surveys and messages. They are often **'too good to be true.'**

Please visit:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/how-to-protect-your-g-people-from-online-scams/> for more information.

In the Safer Internet Day Assembly it mentions the following things to be careful of:

- S** • If something **seems too good to be true**
- C** • If someone **contacts you, when you weren't expecting it**, like a message or email
- A** • If someone or something **asks for personal information**
- M** • If someone asks for **money or to trade with you**

Everyone should be cautious when opening messages from unknown senders and clicking on strange links.

You can also add extra security to your accounts to help prevent online scams,



such as using different passwords for all your accounts and ensuring they are strong passwords which are hard to guess. You can also enable 2 factor authentication (2FA) this means you have to confirm a new login using another device such as a phone or tablet, helping to keep accounts protected from scammers.



What Should You Do If You Are Scammed?

If you have been scammed there are a few things you can do to help prevent further losses and help prevent other people from being scammed.

Parent Zone have a really good guide for this:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>



Limit Further Losses

1. The first thing you want to do is make sure that you prevent the scammers from accessing bank accounts by contacting your bank.
2. You also want to ensure that they can't



access any other accounts by changing passwords quickly and logging out of all other devices.

3. You should run anti-virus software to stop any further problems.
4. Report any hacked accounts to the appropriate platforms. If they are school accounts, please let the school know so they can take the appropriate action.

Report The Scam

You should report the scam through [Action Fraud](#), the national reporting centre for cybercrime and fraud, [Citizens Advice](#) and of course, the police. Visit:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide> for further advice.



Internet Matters have an Online Scams Advice Hub, where you will find more guidance and advice about avoiding scams and what to do if it happens to you.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-scams/>



Be Internet Legend Assembly

As part of Safer Internet Day KS2 children had access to an online assembly held by Be Internet Legends.



For further advice about spotting scams and what to do if it happens to you please watch the YouTube video of the assembly.

<https://youtube.com/live/KSCpBhjCqWs?feature=share>

TLA Tech Team Advice



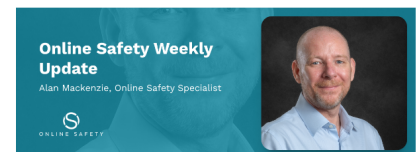
- Gracie- *"If it looks too good to be true just ignore it!"*
- Callum- *"If they ask you for personal information it's probably a scam."*
- Otto- *"Don't share passwords or personal information."*
- Robyn- *"If you have random links don't click on them, it could be a scam."*

Online Safety Videos

At Trevithick Learning Academy, we are committed to equipping parents and children with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the online world safely.

We have recently signed up to an initiative which includes a series of nine documents that we will share with you throughout the year. These documents include links to videos which address a key topic related to Online Safety.

Please check your emails if you haven't watched them so far.



How to report an incident

If your child tells you or shows you something inappropriate that they have seen online please report it. It could help prevent this from happening to someone else.

The first place it needs reporting is to the APP/ Website/Game it happened on.

If you are worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online let CEOP know. You can report it by visiting www.ceop.police.uk/ or by clicking the button on our website. The website will guide you through how to make a report.



For further advice visit the School's website, visit the [Childline](#) website or call 0800 1111