Introduction

Hi, I'm Colette Morris the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer for Allegations). As soon as we 'plug' our children into the internet it is essential that we give them some basic skills/messages to help them navigate the World Wide Web. One of the important messages is that everything on the internet is not always true and to teach them critical thinking skills. Over the past 5 years Oldham Safeguarding Partnership have delivered E-safety assemblies to over 40,000 Oldham pupils to teach young people critical thinking skills. On the 9th February 2021 it is safer internet day with the themes being "An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world". There are lots of resources on our website that are for children, parents and professionals.

Hi, I'm Ellen Weedon and I am the Training Officer for Children at Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership. I deliver lessons and assemblies to pupils on different safeguarding topics, including E-safety. Contact me if you would like any resources or to book a session for your school ellen.weedon@oldham.gov.uk

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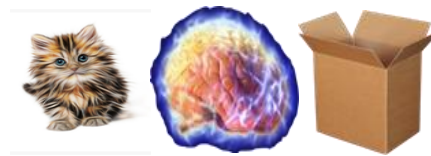
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09 February 2021 Not everything on the Internet is true!!!

Click here for FREE resourceshttps://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021

Q Is the Internet most like a) a fluffy kitten, b) a big brain or c) an empty box?

A c) The Internet is most like an empty box! Anyone can put anything inside it, and it doesn't check if it is good or bad, true or false, fact or fiction. For example, anyone can create a website and put it on the Internet for everyone to see, so we must not switch off our brain and simply believe what we see or read. We need to check if the information is good or bad, true or false, fact or fiction. We can do this by, asking a friend or family member about what we have seen or read, check in a book or go to at least 3 other websites to see if they say the same thing.

Here is a link to a website all about Oldham, use the skills above to see if what it says about Oldham is true. Show it to your family or friends and see what they think. https://factsaboutoldham.webs.com/

Here is a link to Newsround with some good hints about spotting **Fake News** https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38906931

How to spot Fake News

If you want to try to make sure that you don't get caught out by fake news, there a few things you can look out for.

Ask yourself:

Is it on the radio, TV or in the newspapers?

Has the story been reported anywhere else?

Does the photo/video look normal?

Have you heard of the organization that published the story?

Does the website address at the top look real?

Does the story sound believable?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, you might want to check it out a bit more before spreading the word