



## 'Thousands of Children are Sexting'

According to a recent BBC report, thousands of children under the age of 12 have been spoken to by police in the past three years in England and Wales for taking explicit pictures of themselves and sending them to others. It is illegal to possess, take or distribute indecent images of someone who is under 18, including yourself. It is important that children and young people consider what they share and who they share things with. Read more about this story by visiting:

<http://bit.ly/eSafetySexting>

Childline has published detailed advice for young people about sexting including how to respond when asked for a photo and what to do if you are sent a sexting message or video.

<http://bit.ly/eSafetySexting2>



## 'Preventing and Tackling Bullying' Guidance **UPDATED**

The Department for Education has published new updates to their guidance for schools on preventing and tackling bullying. The advice is for headteachers, staff and governing bodies in all schools in England. This document now includes additional information about how schools can support children and young people who are bullied, including cyberbullying. The document states: 'The rapid development of, and widespread access to, technology has provided a new medium for 'virtual' bullying, which can occur in or outside school. Cyberbullying is a different form of bullying and can happen at all times of the day, with a potentially bigger audience, and more accessories as people forward on content at a click.' For the full guidance document visit:

<http://bit.ly/eSafetyCyberbullying>

## Anti-bullying week

This year's theme for anti-bullying week is 'All Different All Equal' and this is a great opportunity to tackle bullying based on perceived differences whether this is bullying in the real world or online.

Childline president Dame Esther Rantzen said: "Bullying can wreck young people's lives, especially now that the bullies don't stop at the school gates."

Anti-Bullying Week 2017 aims to:

- **empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique**
- **help children and young people understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying**
- **encourage parents and carers to work with their school and talk to their children about bullying, difference and equality**
- **enable teachers, school support staff and youth workers to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' – by celebrating difference and equality and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves**

For pupil workshops to celebrate anti-bullying week, please visit No Outsiders

[http://bit.ly/eSafety\\_NoOutsiders](http://bit.ly/eSafety_NoOutsiders) or contact [karin.hutchinson@hertsforlearning.co.uk](mailto:karin.hutchinson@hertsforlearning.co.uk)



## Snapchat launches the Snap Map feature

Snapchat has launched a new map feature which shows publicly posted images on a searchable map that are plotted onto a worldwide map in real time. Snapchat promoted the update as a "new way to explore the world". Users can zoom in to see the exact location of their friends. The zoom mode can reveal the street friends are on and even their houses unless they use the ghost mode, which means they are the only person who can see their location on the map. A spokesperson for the NSPCC said: "It's worrying that Snapchat is encouraging under 18s to broadcast their location on the app where it can potentially be accessed by everyone in their contacts list. With public accounts, this will include those



who are not known to the user. This highlights why it is vital children are automatically offered safer accounts on social media to ensure they are protected from unnecessary risks."

In school, we need to teach children not to share their location publicly and be aware of what they share and who they talk to on social media.

Advice on the three different setting modes on the Snap Map app are explained on the UK Safer Internet Centre Site

<http://bit.ly/eSafetySnapChatMap>

## Building Digital Resilience

Get Media Smart has launched new educational materials for primary schools to help young people be better prepared for online life by building their digital resilience. The resource is aimed at Year 5 and 6 pupils, and includes a lesson outline, presentation and pupil activity worksheets looking at different types of online advertising and the impact advertising can have on our lives.

For more details see: <http://bit.ly/eSafetyGetSmartMedia>

## Save the date... Safer Internet day

Create, connect and share respect.  
A better internet starts with you.



The fantastic eSafety films made by students that reached the final in this year's annual Childnet Film Competition can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/SaferInternetDay18>

Why not consider entering next year's competition!

A full range of eSafety advice can be found at <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/> or for eSafety courses available from Herts for Learning please visit <http://bit.ly/2ubVeCB>

## Digiduck's big decision

An eSafety resource for young children

Help arrives just in time for Digiduck when faced with a difficult decision! Follow Digiduck and his friends in this story of friendship and responsibility online.

The Digiduck collection has been created to help parents and teachers educate children aged 3-7 about how to be a good friend online. The collection now includes a book, PDF <http://bit.ly/eSafetyDigiduck> and interactive app.

