Privacy – Oversharing and Passwords

Privacy settings on social networking sites and online gaming, alongside strong passwords, can help you and your family control what and how much personal information gets shared online, and who it can be seen by.

More and more employers, universities and colleges look at people's social media profile and base their decisions on what they find, so it's important that children and young people think before they post or share.

Children and young people are more likely to overshare personal information than you are – the consequences of sharing online may not seem as 'real' as sharing offline.

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- Talk to your child about what information they share online and with whom – would they feel okay with their family seeing what they have shared?

- Get to know the privacy setting on sites like Facebook **www.facebook.com/help/privacy**

- Find out about the privacy settings on your games consoles, all of the major providers offer support and advice to parents and UKIE (The Association for UK Interactive Entertainment) offers advice to parents about safe settings on games consoles **http://ukie.info/playsafe/parents**

- Do an online search of your or your child's name to find out how much information about you is 'public' and reset and check your privacy if you are concerned

- Complete this term's HomeSafe Family Challenge and check, choose and change your passwords!

More support available on the school's website

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