**Protecting your Privacy**

These resources have been adapted from Better Internet for Kids. Please see here for the original source and further activities you can do with your child.

<https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/web/portal/practice/awareness/detail?articleId=198308>

**Introduction**

In this session you will help your child learn about what information is safe to share online with others and what information should be kept private/ only shared with your trusted adults.

**Activity 1:**

Using Activity 1 (labelled ‘page 8’), help your child to fill in the details they have been asked for. Look back at the pictures and discuss green = family, orange = friends and red = everyone. Take each fact at a time and discuss together who this piece of information can be shared with. Spend time with your child looking at the information that you should only share with your parents (trusted adults). Tell them we call this our private and personal information and we don’t share this with other people in order to keep us safe.

Parent notes: It is important to keep private and personal information safe to avoid identity theft, harassment or stalking. Private information can be classed as the following:

* Name
* Age
* D.O.B
* Address
* School Name

Unplugged option: Write the following statements out from the worksheet and get your child to colour code them to like the above activity of who they should share this information with.

**Activity 2:**

Place a few objects in front of your child. Ask them randomly for a few of the objects, whilst interweaving with questions such as *What is your name? How old are you?* etc. After a while, tell the child that they can now ask for their objects back. Once the child has got all their objects back ask if you can give them back the personal and private information they shared with you (age and name). Discuss with your child that it can be easy to ask for physical objects back but when you have spoken something, you can not get it back. Relate this to the sharing of information online, once you have typed something in or said something online such as a secret you cannot get it back from that person and have no power over who that is then passed onto or shared with.

If you have a printer available then have a go at the printable activity 2 next.

**Activity 3:**

Show your child a picture of a treasure box. *Why did pirates have these? What did they keep inside?* Discuss how a treasure was used to keep precious things inside and to stop them being taken by other pirates. Either create a treasure box with your child to keep some of their precious objects in or discuss three things they may want to keep safe if they had their own treasure box. Now think about online safety, ask your child to see if they can think of three things they need to keep safe when they are online. *Can you think of three things that you shouldn’t share or tell people online?*

Again, if you have a printer you can have a go at page 19 (Activity 3) .

