



Safer Internet Day 2021



This week, on **Tuesday, 9 February 2021**, the 18th edition of Safer Internet Day was celebrated with actions taking place right across the globe.

It's a global celebration all about technology and how children and young people can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

With a theme once again of "Together for a better internet", the day calls upon all participants to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people.

Year 7 and 8 took part in a quiz and discussions on how we place different levels of trust on different online content and how to identify unreliable content. Here are some of the issues they discussed:

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



An internet we trust

Exploring reliability in the online world

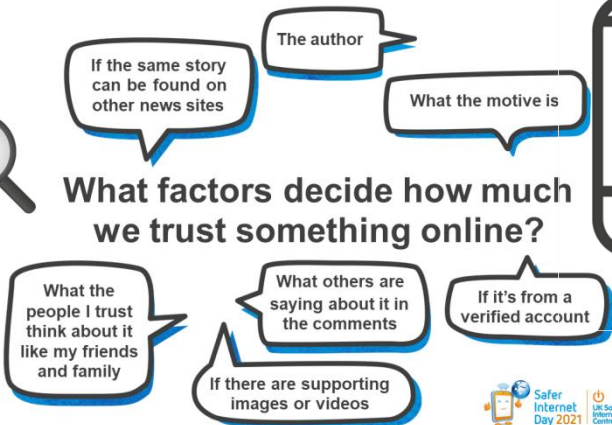
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Digging Deeper



What factors decide how much we trust something online?



How does online content that scores low on the trust-o-meter affect how we feel?



Helpful tips for when we are faced with unreliable content online



Unfollow or mute accounts if the content is affecting your well-being.



Read multiple sources to decide on YOUR perspective.



Spot hashtags like #AD which tells you when people are being paid to show you something.



Remember the content influencers and celebs post online has been carefully chosen and might not be a true reflection of their lives.



Report fake news where possible or speak to the person who has shared it and try to get it removed.



Talk to people, use offline sources and fact checking websites to help find reliable information.



Question adverts and take the time to think about if a product is really worth your money.