# Safer Internet Day

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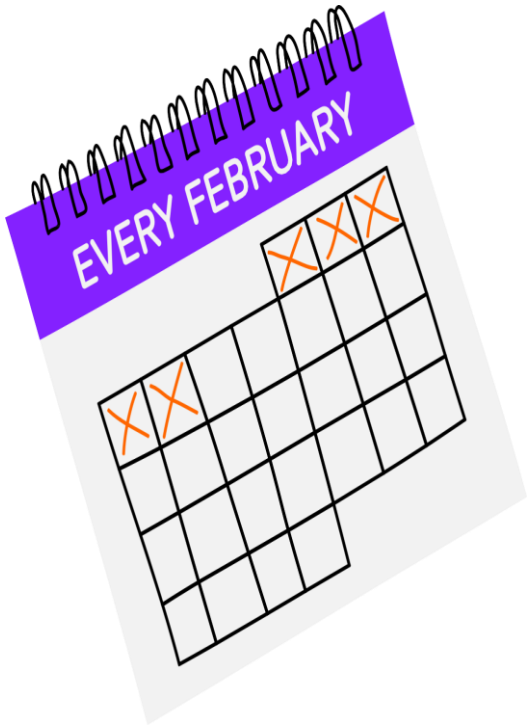
# What Is Safer Internet Day?



- Safer Internet Day is held every February in over 170 different countries. The goal of Safer Internet Day is to call on people across the world to work together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, but especially for young people.
- Last year over half of children and young people in the UK heard about the campaign, but it also involves and influences government, charities, police forces and tech companies including social media and gaming platforms.

# Safety by Design

- The internet is a tool and it's one that many of us use on a daily basis.
- But like any tool, it's the way people choose to use it which matters. Sometimes people use it in ways that are unsafe, unkind or irresponsible.
- On top of this, the internet was not designed with young people in mind. If it had been, perhaps more would've been done to ensure that it was a safe environment for them.
- Even today, knowing children and young people make up a large percentage of internet users, companies do not always implement 'safety by design.''

**'Safety by design' would mean designing platforms and products to reduce the risk of harm to those who use it. It would mean tech companies and app developers think about what can be done to prevent harm from the outset, rather than acting in response to harms or problems after they occur.**

## Theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is:

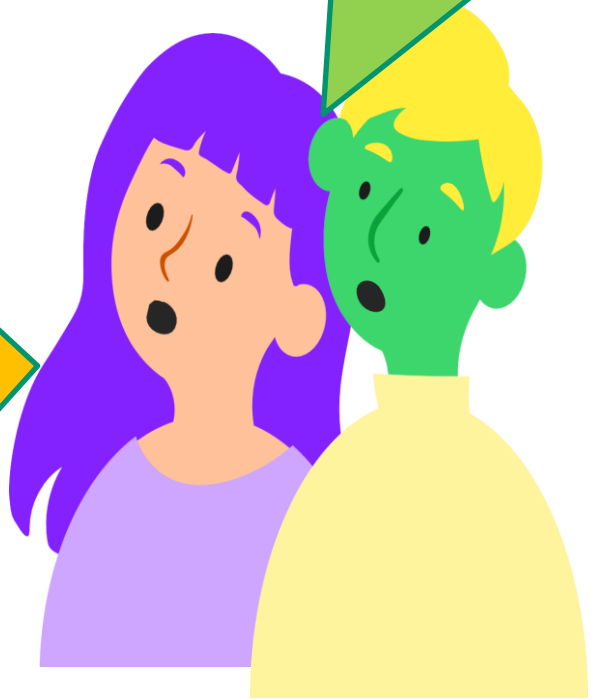
# Want to talk about it?

- It's not all bad news!
- There are lots of people working to make the internet a safer place.
- The 'Online Safety Bill' which, if passed, will create rules for the biggest online companies on how they keep their users safe.
- This Safer Internet Day asks everyone to make space for conversations about life online, especially with young people – because you have the right to have your say on issues and policies that impact YOU.

Wait a minute! Why would I want to talk with someone about what I see and do online?

Conversations are a fantastic tool that help us all work better together. You probably already spend lots of your time chatting and communicating with lots of different people in your life.

Because talking and communicating about anything can help in lots of ways!



# Benefits of talking to other people

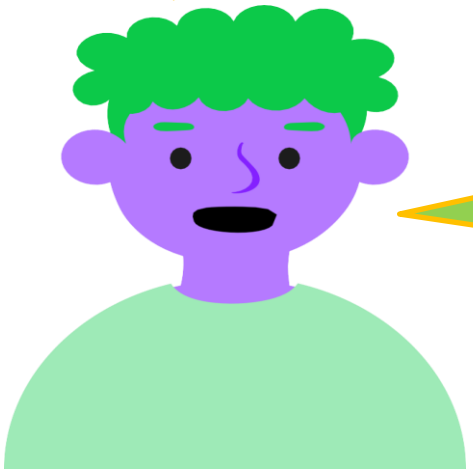
It's fun!

It's a way to share information and ideas

It's a way to connect and bond with other people

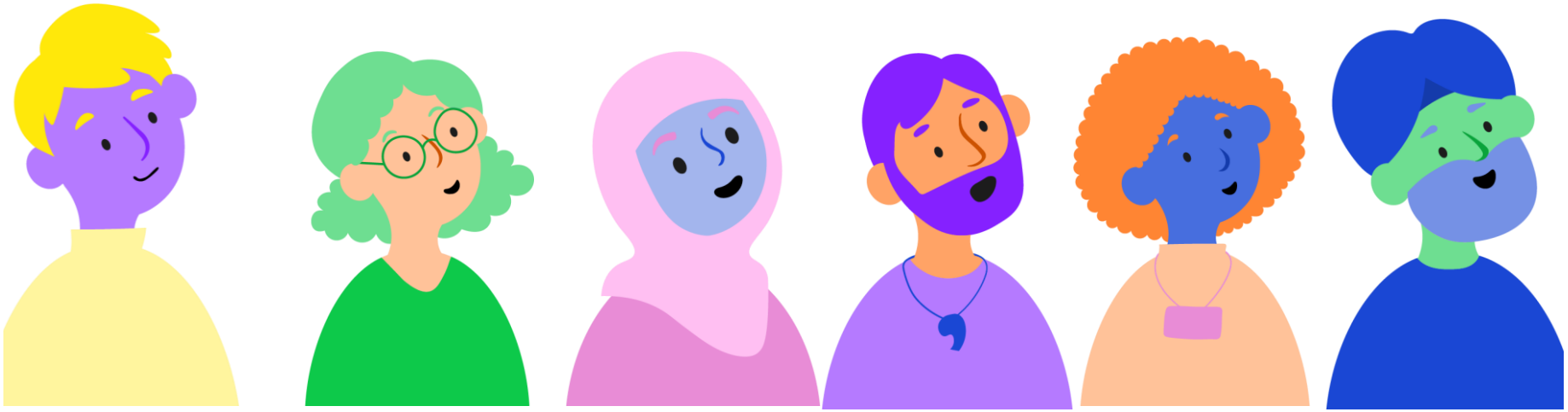
You can get help when things go wrong

It's a chance to learn new things and ask questions



# Who can you talk to?

- Chatting with your friends about what you all enjoy doing online can be great fun and a lovely way to make your friendships stronger.
- You can have the same kind of conversations with the adults you know and trust too! Talk to your parents, carers, teachers, and other adults in your life about your favourite things to do online or compare the different ways you use the internet with them.
- The more we talk about the things we see and do online, the easier it is for us all to support each other. It also means that if something ever does go wrong, it's even easier to find someone to help.

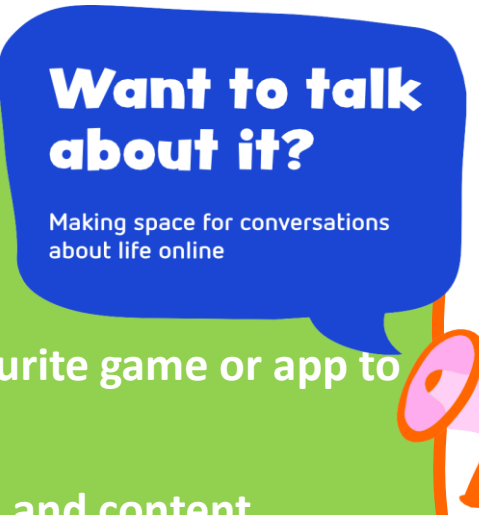


# Getting help

- Here at Kendrick School part of our job is making sure you are safe, in all parts of your life including online.
- If something you've seen online or something that happened online is worrying you, you can come to any member of staff for help and advice.
- They will listen carefully and work with you to decide what the best thing to do next might be. If they are worried that you or somebody else might be in danger, they have a responsibility to pass on what you've told us to someone else who can help. These are specific members of staff whom Kendrick School has recognised as having responsibility for safeguarding all the young people who go here. These are:

Ms Kattirtzi | Mr Simmonds | Mrs Hearn | Mr Stride | Mme Hulley | Mrs Hackett

- You can also talk to the Student Welfare Team in the General Office or email them at studentwelfare@kendrick.reading.sch.uk




- So, this Safer Internet Day we are challenging everyone to talk about it.
- Talk to your friends. Talk to the adults you know and trust.
- Tell them about the funny things you see online, or your favourite game or app to use.
- Tell them about the latest trends, or your favourite streamers and content creators.
- Tell them about the things online that frustrate you, or the things that make you laugh out loud.
- Tell them your top online safety tip, or how you think they can best support you in your online life.
- **Most importantly, tell them if something is worrying you. It's never too late to share an online problem and get help and support that can make things better.**
- Happy Safer Internet Day everyone!