

Dear Parents/Carers,
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Meet “Jessie & Friends.” Our new Thinkuknow CEOP teaching resource.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

As you know we teach the children about the online world through CEOP and NSPCC training/guidance. The Thinkuknow lessons and videos teach our pupils a broad set of online rules. They can use these rules, now and in the future, to navigate the online world safely. The guidance encourages children to keep personal information secret, be stranger aware, be kind, talk about how they use the internet and to talk to an adult if they see something that worries/upsets them.



We love “Lee, Kim and Super Sid.” We have been using their videos and resources for over 5 years and we will continue to do so (visit our website for the video). In addition to Lee and Kim, at the beginning of April we will be continuing our Online Safety Education and exploration through new characters; “**Jessie and Friends.**” The resources are brilliant; child friendly and very effective.

If you would like to look at the resources at home, please visit:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

There are 3 videos and accompanying story books. We will be talking about the videos in a whole school assembly and in class.



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Thank you, Claire Welford (Computing and E-Safety Lead).



How you can use *Jessie & Friends* to help keep your child safer online

Before you watch *Jessie & Friends* with your child, here are a few things you can do:

- **Explore together:** Ask your child to show you their favourite websites and apps and what they do on them. Listen and show interest and encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.
- **Initiate (and continue) conversations about online safety:** Ask them if anything ever bothers or worries them while they're online. You could use examples of events from the animations and ask if they've experienced anything similar. Reinforce the key message: if anything happens online which makes them feel worried, scared or sad, the best thing to do is talk to you or another adult who they trust.
- **Help your child identify adults who can help:** Help your child identify trusted adults from different areas of their life such as at home or at school.
- **Be non-judgemental:** Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and loving support.

- **Supervise your child while they're online:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an appropriate adult is able to supervise. It is not safe for 4-7 year olds to access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.
- **Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others:** If your child is engaging with others online remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo or video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.
- **SafeSearch:** The use of 'SafeSearch' is highly recommended for use with young children. Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child is exposed to whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage (often shaped like a small cog).
- **Parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled device in your home. You can learn more by reading our article on [using parental controls](#).