

## NBD...No Big Deal

Let's face it –when it comes to the Internet, we know much more than grown-ups. It's no big deal being able to surf the net, be in a chat room and text your mates on your mobile all at the same time!



But it's not just about using the technology, we have to show our parents, carers and teachers that we're SMART about how we use it and who we are in touch with.

## WhoRU?

You might think you've met some real cool friends in chat rooms but how can you be sure who you're talking to?

The person may be nice and trustworthy but then again they may not.

I tell my mates not to put too much info in their chat profile and never arrange to meet up with anyone they've been chatting to. Chat room mates are best left in cyberspace.

I'VE GOT A STRANGER ONLINE ASKING FOR MY MOBILE NUMBER...

NO WAY! ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION SECRET



## Stick To The Positive

The great thing about the Internet is that there are some fab sites out there – many of which have been created by young people. If you find a really cool site which helps you with your homework or hobby tell a friend.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST INTERNET DANGER?

THAT YOU'LL CONCENTRATE ON THE DANGERS AND FORGET THE BENEFITS.



Nasty stuff like hate or pornography websites are right out. Get a life! Leave those sites where they belong – in the trash can!

Be particularly careful about sites which ask you for lots of personal details. You never know where that information goes.

You might think you're clued up about using the net safely, but make sure you look out for your mates and younger brothers or sisters. Remind them to be very careful and stick to the SMART rules when communicating with people they don't know.



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SON, YOU'RE ABOUT TO START USING ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST RESOURCES...

THE INTERNET?

NO-YOUR COMMON SENSE.



## Mobile Up!

Everyone's texting mad – but it's not only your mates who are buzzing your phone! Don't give your mobile phone number out to anyone you don't know and if you start getting annoying or offensive texts, talk to your parent, carer or teacher straight away.

IF I'M SMART ON THE INTERNET WILL I AVOID UNWANTED TEXT MESSAGES?

THERE'S CERTAINLY A CONNECTION.



Keep your mobile out of sight when you're on the street and make sure you have a security code or PIN number to lock your phone.

