

Cyber-Strangers

Preventing Danger

Being Aware

Just like in our real lives, whilst in our digital lives we need to be aware of certain dangers. One of these is 'Cyber Strangers'. It can be very easy for people to pretend to be someone else online. They could trick you into doing things you may not want to, or even suggest to meet up in person. To help keep safe online, we can follow these simple rules below to prevent someone you don't know, contacting you, upsetting you or even trying to meet up with you.

Zip It

Whilst online, remember to keep all personal information to yourself. If someone you don't know tries to ask you anything about yourself, please remember to 'Zip It!'. Don't share anything with them. This could be your age, what school you go to or even where you live.



Block It

If anyone does try to contact you or starts asking you questions, our next step is to 'Block It!'. This could be blocking or muting them within the game or social site you are using, or quite simply putting your device down and walking away. They cannot continue to ask you things if you are not there, plus this will prevent you from being tempted into answering something that you know you shouldn't.



Flag It

Following your first two steps, now we can go straight to number 3, 'Flag it!'. If someone does try to contact you or ask you questions, someone you trust needs to know. This is because it could be someone trying to pretend to be someone else, and they maybe a bad person. Flag it up by speaking to the adults you live with or possibly one of your school teachers. If someone responsible knows, they can help you to prevent it happening again. Plus this will show how smart, sensible and trustworthy you are! Well Done.



