Activities for 11-13s ***Number 8, 30/06/2020***

Activity 1: Online gaming

- Read the 'Gaming' Thinkuknow article – www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/need-advice/gaming.

- Choose three different games that you or other people your age play online - these can be games on a website, app or games console. Research the games and write down what you think a young person your age should know about them. For example:
    - Can people you don't know start talking to you?
    - What are the different ways that you can communicate with other people? (e.g. instant messengers, voice chat, video chat, or live stream)
    - Are there extra items that can be paid for inside the game? (e.g. skins, loot boxes, items or lives).

- Pick one of the games you have researched, and use your list of features to write down some of the risks that young people could encounter on this game.

- Use our 'Gaming' article to write down what a young person can do if they're worried about the way someone is talking to them in this game.

- Talk to your parent or carer about what you've learnt from your research.

Activity 2: Gaming advice article

- Re-read the 'Gaming' article listed in the activity above.

- Write your own information article for people your age. This should include:

    - Information about **when** they should block or report people on a game.
    - Instructions for **how** to block and report users on your favourite game.
    - Where they can **get help** if someone has made them feel uncomfortable in a game.

- Make your article eye-catching and interesting by inserting photos and links to other relevant information or videos.

- Share your article with a parent, carer or friend.

About Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. You'll find lots of support and advice for young people at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

If you are worried or upset by anything that's happened online, talk to a trusted adult or call Childline on 0800 1111.

You can also report to CEOP. Young people can report to CEOP if they are ever worried about the way an adult is talking to them online and feel they are at risk or have been sexual abused. A specialist child protection worker will contact you to help you. They will not blame you in any way.