



Digital Leaders

The Digital Leaders have enjoyed running their lunchtime club for Year 3 children where they have created PowerPoints about themselves and presented them to each other!

Thank you to the Digital Leaders for running this club.

Online Safety Newsletter Summer 1

Is Your Child Part of Any Group Chats?

Group chats can happen on messaging apps like WhatsApp or even within online games such as *Fortnite*. While they might appear harmless, it's important to be aware of the risks involved:

- **Exposure to inappropriate content:** Many group chats aren't supervised, which means your child could come across language or material that isn't age-appropriate.
- **Bullying:** Group chats can sometimes become a space for hurtful behaviour, such as name-calling, body-shaming, or excluding someone on purpose. Unfortunately, this can carry over into real-life interactions.
- **Contact with strangers:** Children might be added to group chats that include people they don't know—or even individuals they've previously blocked.
- **Lack of privacy:** Anything your child says or shares in a group chat can be screenshotted and sent elsewhere. It's important they understand that these chats are not truly private.
- **Oversharing personal information:** Remind your child to avoid sharing sensitive or personal details in group chats.

Understanding Emojis: More Than Meets the Eye

If you've seen the popular Netflix series *Adolescence*, you might already be aware that children and teens often use emojis in ways that go beyond their traditional meanings. Emojis can carry hidden or alternative messages—and these meanings can shift over time.

That's why it's important for parents, carers, and educators to stay up to date on how emojis are being used. In some cases, they may be used to communicate messages that are misleading or inappropriate.

To learn more about emoji meanings and how they're evolving, you can find further information here: <https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>