NOTES FROM COMPUTER SAFETY TALK
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- We think children are safe in our own homes – this is no longer true. Online access through multiple devices means they can access more than they ever could on the street.
- Set up devices safely with parental controls and teach children how to switch them off.
- Most online problems are not the child's fault – give them the chance to talk to you about what happened.
- Children need to develop digital resilience.
- The online world is ALIGNED with the real world.

Recommendations and Suggestions

1. KidsTube is a family friendly video sharing site which has no adverts or comments, can stop children uploading videos of themselves
2. Take Xbox and Playstation devices out of children's bedrooms and keep in sight of adults
   The more followers children have the more vulnerable they are.
3. Put parental controls on your router – some routers have built-in parental controls, eg Koala Safe, MetaCert (free). These allow you to set permissions, block sites and set a time for when the internet is switched off.
   AdBlock is a free advert blocker
4. Switch on SafeSearch on Google – filters undesirable content

Recommended websites:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - advice for children about how to stay safe online
https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/ (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) - how to report online abuse

Please see the SMART Rules from KidSMART.org.uk (part of Childnet.com) attached.