For Schools

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Scomis Online Safety Essentials Newsletter. Our final edition for 2017/18.

The summer holidays are almost here so we are taking this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable break and we hope the sunshine continues!

End of term reminders
Is your data secure?
Before the school closes for the summer holidays we strongly recommend that you take a few moments to check:

- Your school's data is being backed up
- Your school's data can be restored
- Yours school's software and operating systems are up-to-date
- Your school's anti-malware solution is up-to-date

A reminder to all users of your school's network (relevant for home too!)
Be vigilant when handling emails!
Educate your users how to recognise malicious emails!
Clues to malicious emails include:

- Typos and spelling mistakes in emails
- Unexpected requests for personal information either direct or through a survey
- A claim that your computer account has been suspended
- A claim that you bank account has been suspended
- Attachments from people you do not know
- Tips or advice from people you do not know
- The email appears to be from somebody you know but with an incorrect email address perhaps addressing you in an unfamiliar way

Read the NEN's advice:
http://www.nen.gov.uk/advice/ransomware
For more information
E: scomis@devon.gov.uk
T: 01392 385300

Remind parents/carers to be aware! Remember that you can learn how to do anything on the Internet including:

- How to drive
- How to swim
- How to make toast

(YouTube / Wiki-how)
The website Commonsensemedia provides further examples and some conversation starters for parents/carers:
Advice includes:

- **Talk to children about what they do online**
- **How to be safe**
- **How to use common sense**

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/the-worst-things-your-kid-can-learn-on-the-internet?j=5082509&l=512_HTML&u=76623225&mid=7000332&jb=497&utm_source=070717+Default&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

 Read the NSPCC's latest report How safe are our children**?**
Almost a ¼ of young people were contacted online by an adult they did not know

Remind parents/carers:
To find out more about Instagram (and other popular Apps such as Snapchat)
Visit the NSPCC and O₂'s website NetAware

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/instagram/

Remind everyone to take care of their 'Digital Footprint'
Read the advice from the UKSafer Internet Centre including:

- Search for yourself
- Check your privacy settings
- Deactivate/Delete old profiles
- Think before you post
- Keep it positive!

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/online-reputation-–-taking-care-your-digital-footprint-advice-young-people

STAY SAFE ONLINE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS!