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Birches Online Safety

In the news...



Omegle

Omegle is a social networking/chat website that connects two strangers together for either a text or a video chat. Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information.

What should I be aware of?

• No registration is required to access Omegle (therefore no age verification) and there are no reporting facilities.

• Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is always possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats. We recommend that Omegle is not used by children due to the potential imagery shared and language used which can be particularly explicit.

Further information is available here: <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</u> <u>globalassets/omegle-parentsquide.pdf</u>

Looking for apps?

This is a great website that allows you to filter your search results to find age appropriate apps for your child. It also allows you to filter by app type (educational or play), by price and device:

https://www.goodplayguide.com/ good-app-guide/



Please remember:

• When children are completing work or research online that they are supervised – whether through completing the work with the children or checking the sites they have been using.

• Make sure all parental controls and security settings are in place.

• Remind your child/children of keeping themselves safe online and what to do if they are unhappy with something

they see online or if they are worried about anything.

Click here to see the latest Government guidance for supporting parents and carers to keep children safe online.



If you would like to share any information or you need further support then do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cain or your child's class teacher.