

SMART SHARING ONLINE

This worksheet is designed to accompany the film 'Smart Sharing Online', a film about a young boy who is considering expressing his feelings about a girl he likes on the internet. He wants to share his feelings but thinks better of it as he realises it may embarrass her.

We've put together some talking points and activities that you can work through with young people, either in classroom or at home with your own children.

Pre-film discussion

- How has taking and viewing photographs changed in the last 20 years?
- Is it OK to take a picture of anyone or anything you see?
- A friend starts showing around a photo of you that makes you feel embarrassed. What would you say or do?

Activity 1: Write your own poem or song

Write a poem or song of your own, with a similar or equally important message about being responsible when posting photos of yourself or other people or about expressing your innermost emotions online.

OR:

Learn the words to the poem in the film and sing along.

Activity 2

Create a picture that could be used as a screensaver to remind people to think twice before posting words or pictures that might cause problems for other people.

Talking points

- How did the boy's thoughts and feelings change throughout the poem?
- What do you think would have happened if the boy had gone ahead and posted his poem and photos on the web?

• Why are some things best kept to yourself, and how do they change when posted online?

Learning outcome

Think before you post. Do your actions have an impact on others? Whilst the internet is great for expressing your opinions and feelings some care and restraint should be exercised before posting.