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HEALTHY ONLINE AND OFFLINE FRIENDSHIPS

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ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

This week's issue focuses on exploring the concept of online friendships with students.

It is becoming more and more common for young people to form friendships with people they've never met in person.

Whether it is over a video game, messaging app or online forum, finding friends is easier than ever. But it is important that children understand that while online friendships can be genuine, there are some people aren't always who they claim to be online.

When children are chatting online, they should remember to not share personal details about themselves, and tell a trusted adult if someone is making them feel uncomfortable.





Click or scan the QR code for the session:

HELPING CHILDREN UNDERSTAND

This week's recommended session is designed to create a discussion around **online friendships** and what makes a geniune friend.

The session we have chosen includes two resources that are used to help embed the concept of what makes a genuine friend, and gets children thinking about how those relationships are built and developed.

Resource 1 helps children to understand what makes a good friend, exploring concepts such as characteristics of friends and the difference between an online and offline friend.

Resource 2 helps children to understand what makes a healthy or unhealthy relationship. Children read through scenarios and think how each makes them feel.

The session is very discussion-based, and is most appropriate for KS2 children.