

Fake News

What impact is it really having?
What can we do to build resilience?
What skills are needed to become critical thinkers?

WHAT IS FAKE NEWS —

Fake news is a relatively new threat that we are faced with and often seeing it daily. The Cambridge Dictionary States it is “false stories that appear to be news, spread on the internet or using other media, usually created to influence political views or as a joke”

We have all been subject to being captured into believing a ‘fake news’ story- they are everywhere, one of the recent ones was Momo challenge. When we are sucked in, what was it that made you STOP and think, ‘is this actually real’?

Farida Vis, a professor in digital media at the Manchester School of Art, told The House of Lords committee in Nov 2018: 19% of people never check the sources of the news.

Make sure that e-safety is included in your Safeguarding Policy and you have the right procedures and risk assessments in place.



TOP TIPS TO SUPPORT C&YP TO BE CRITICAL CONSUMERS AND THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT NEWS.

- Does the story sound realistic?
- Can you find the story elsewhere on other reputable news platforms?
- Does the article include facts and figures?
- Has the article been featured on prime time news channels/websites?
- Does it make unsubstantiated predictions?
- Are emotions triggered? A lot of fake news stories are there to play on our emotions.
- Pictures- do they look real, do a reverse search?
- Look at the language, are there lots of exclamation marks, scare tactics?

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