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USING KIND WORDS ONLINE – POSITIVE COMMUNICATION TIPS

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Encouraging children to communicate positively online is one of the many parental responsibilities faced in an increasingly online world today, ensuring that your child is treating others the way they expect to be treated.
Children often hear in school about it not being difficult to be kind, but children often believe that because they're behind the screen, they can be unkind. This is not true, and it is important that children recognise that they should still treat those online how they should expect to be treated, by using kind words and not being unkind when disagreeing.

TOP TIPS FOR COMMUNICATION

A few top tips for children when they're talking online with friends:

- **Put it in context -** Talk to your child about the situation - get them to imagine themselves in the other position - would they like the way they're being spoken to?
- **If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything. -** A simple but effective tip.
- **Tone -** Get children to think about how their tone comes across over written text, a joke might not be taken the way they think.

APP SPOTLIGHT - WHATSAPP

This week's app spotlight is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is great for communication, especially for friends and family. But it is important to remember the minimum age is 13 for using whatsapp.

Scan or tap the QR Code below to find out more about Whatsapp:

For more information about communicating online, scan or tap the QR code below: