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REPLYING RESPECTFULLY – HANDLING DISAGREEMENTS ONLINE

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RESPECT

We again consider this week encouraging positive communication with children, this time looking at replies and how to be considerate even when disagreeing.
Children will always have differences of opinion, especially online, but learning the difference between respectfully disagreeing and arguing is difficult for a young mind. Children should always consider respect and ask themselves “would I like to be spoken to that way?”. When hidden behind a screen, children may think it’s alright to not show respect, but this is not the case.

HANDLING DISAGREEMENTS

When your child is having a disagreement with another, sit them down and talk it out. Discuss the core of the issue and find out what the disagreement is over, and encourage them to use more considerate language. For example, if children are disagreeing about a film they’ve watched, encourage your child to use language like “I don’t really agree” or “We’ve both got different opinions”. Disagreements are natural, we are all unique and have our own thoughts, we don’t have to get others to agree with our opinions, as long as we are respectful of the differences.

APP SPOTLIGHT - SNAPCHAT

This week’s app spotlight is Snapchat.
ISnapchat is an app used primarily by adults to send quick picture-based messages to each other.Snapchat has functionality to allow for tracking friends via the ‘snaps’ they post and a messaging function. Snapchat recommends users are 13 years old or above.

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