

# THE SOCIAL DILEMAN

How to best manage social media at school and beyond



## SOCIAL MEDIA CAN BE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

- It's about communicating with your friends & family
- It's fun & entertaining
- It's about sharing memories and moments
- It helps us staying close together, even if far away
- It should be about being yourself
- It helps us learn about the world
- It gives us a connection to what is happening in a timely-manner





## IT ALSO HAS ITS LIMITS

- Sometimes it can feel overwhelming or too much to manage
- It may make you compare your life to others and feel bad
- Not the reality: everyone uses filters & embellish their real life social media
- Don't feel like you HAVE to belong to Social Media
- Reminder: what is online will follow you... forever.
- Anybody can follow you and find out your information
- Anybody can be a victim of social media bullying
- Ask yourself often: 'Do i truly enjoy this? What does it bring me?

What could I do instead?... in real life'.





## HOW TO BEST MANAGE SOCIAL MEDIA



### SIDE A - CONTROL & MANAGE

- Use with MODERATION set up a max time for yourself each day (& leave outside of bedroom), discuss this with your parents, it's good for everyone!
- Turn off ALL notifications (under settings)
- When doing HOMEWORK, put your phone in another room (less distraction)
- Only accept people that you know in real life as FRIENDS
- Make your account PRIVATE, always and without any exception
- Do not share any of your PERSONAL INFORMATION with anyone (address, email, phone number...)
- Choose strong passwords and do NOT share with anybody: 3jhfrwt3723d\*)!?
- Hide your location at ALL times, esp. at school
- Also, DO NOT USE at school;) speak to your friends instead.



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#### SIDE B - THINK & RELATE

- Do not post anything you wouldn't like YOUR GRANDMA to see (think: 'what would Grandma say?')
- ALWAYS put yourself in someone else's shoes: think about REPERCUSSIONS on someone's life = mental health issues
- Never EVER take pictures of others and publish them without their OK first
- Realize that anything published online will stay with you FOREVER
- If in doubt, always speak with an adult (at school or at home)
- Report to an adult and the social network directly if you see anyone with a strange behaviour
- Don't believe everything you read: fake news are very common so good to factcheck info
- Stay informed and use your judgement: understand why these companies want you to spend so much time on them, eg: watch the SOCIAL DILEMMA/ SCREENAGER/LIKE.



## **QUESTIONS TO ASK THE AUDIENCE?**

- HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND ON IT EVERY DAY (WHATSAPP INC)?
- DO YOU TRULY ENJOY IT?
- WHAT DON'T YOU ENJOY?
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S ADDICTIVE AND THE REASON FOR THESE COMPANIES TO MAKE YOU WANT TO STAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?
- DO YOU TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS OR RAISE ISSUES WHEN SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT? Eg: Someone being openly bullied on a WhatsApp group or someone sending something inappropriate
- DO YOU ALWAYS THINK BEFORE YOU POST?
- DO YOU ASK YOURSELF? 'IT COULD BE ME IN THAT SITUATION'
- DO YOU REALIZE THAT IT CAN BE DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR HEALTH OR OTHERS?
- DO YOU FEEL PRESSURE SOMETIMES TO BE A PART OF IT?
- DO YOU KNOW THAT IT DOESN'T REPRESENT REAL LIFE?

