

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

FACT-CHECKING TIPS – HOW TO VERIFY ONLINE INFORMATION

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FACT CHECKING

In today's digital world, headlines are often designed to grab attention and create strong reactions. However, not everything we read online is accurate. Trusted news sites, such as BBC News, use fact-checking teams to help readers identify reliable information.

You can help your child develop safe online habits by encouraging them to question what they see online and think carefully before believing or sharing information.



TOP TIPS!

Here are some top tips to spot incorrect information online:

- **If it sounds sensational, it might be fake** - Does the fact sound out of the ordinary? It's likely not correct, so always double-check it.
- **Check twice** - When you find a headline that grabs your attention, find another news site to confirm that the information is correct.
- **Look for sources** - Articles will often have sources at the bottom of the page, which is where they get their information from.
- **Look for signs of AI** - Often, AI articles will have signs, such as the overuse of the 'em dash' (--) or confusing grammar.

APP SPOTLIGHT - NORDVPN



This week's app spotlight is **NordVPN**. A VPN (Virtual Private Network) hides a user's online activity and location.

While VPNs can help adults protect their privacy and information online, children may use them to bypass parental controls, school filters, or age restrictions.

- NordVPN is intended for users aged 18+
- NordVPN can be used on phones, tablets, laptops, and gaming devices.
- It is important to talk to children about using the internet safely and responsibly.

Scan the QR code to learn more:

