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Online Safety Newsletter



Issue 1

Dear Parent or Carer

Please note the change of name. Apparently e-safety is now known as Online Safety.

It has come to my attention that a number of our children use a site called 'Movie Star Planet'. This is a site which is aimed at 8-15 year olds, and whilst we don't use it in school, I understand a number are using it at home.

I have attached information about it, not to endorse it, but to give parents an idea about the site. This can be found at www.net-aware.org.uk

Whilst it appears to have 'greater safety', it is clear that it opens your children up to social media. I would, therefore, strongly advise you to have full access to it. This will enable you to check what your children are doing, posting and receiving.

I would imagine that many people know of the site and I believe that it is in the interest of your children to know what they are doing when using it.

Andy Blakeley

Andy Blakeley
Head teacher



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MovieStarPlanet

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Minimum age

What do you think is the right age for MovieStarPlanet? [Share your thoughts](#) ✓

MovieStarPlanet is an online game. You can create a famous movie star character to talk to others in the chat room, play games and watch videos.

What do I need to know about MovieStarPlanet?

We've partnered with Mumsnet – the UK's largest parenting website – to find out what parents of 8-12 year olds think about MovieStarPlanet. We've also asked young people what they think. Here's what they said:

Rated by Mumsnet users



Children's views



Signing up



Reporting



Privacy settings



Safety advice



Parents say:

- information on keeping safe is available for parents.

"Before registering there's a link called 'parents' that offers advice on parental controls. And there are links to sites that provide extra support."

We asked parents of 8-12 year olds to find advice and support for parents and for children about staying safe on MovieStarPlanet.

[Read MovieStarPlanet information on how to keep safe online](#)

What are people saying about MovieStarPlanet?

Children

Parents

MovieStarPlanet



Girl,
Age 14

"You get to be a movie star. It's a fun game, interactive and it has loads of films."



Girl,
Age 14

"You can be a famous person for fun!"

What's the right age for MovieStarPlanet?

8+

MovieStarPlanet says

This is taken from MovieStarPlanet's own guidelines and is accurate as of October 2014.

8+

Our panel says

Based on our independent panel surveyed in November 2014.

11+

Children say

Based on 1854 votes from children and young people we asked in September 2014.

10+

Parents say

Based on votes from parents who have visited this site – you can vote too!

What do you think?

Adjust the slider and tell us what you think is the right age to join MovieStarPlanet

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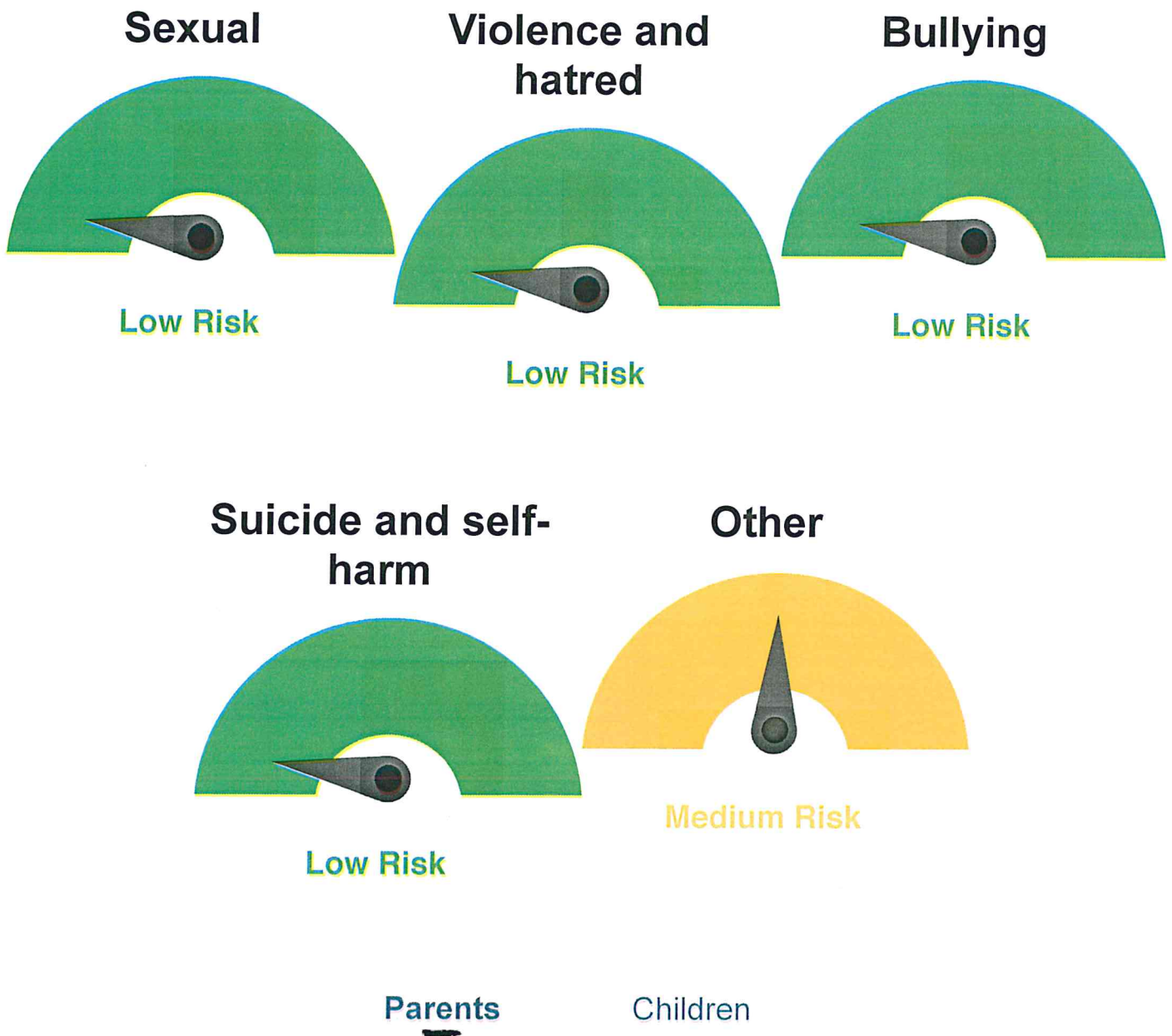
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21+

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Is content on MovieStarPlanet suitable for 8 to 12 year olds?

27% of parents reported seeing content that might be unsuitable for children aged 8-12 on this site. Here are the types of inappropriate content that they reported:



Parents reported seeing sexual, bullying and general inappropriateness on the site.

 **Mum,**
Age 38

"I noticed hacking incidences and then people sending each other nasty

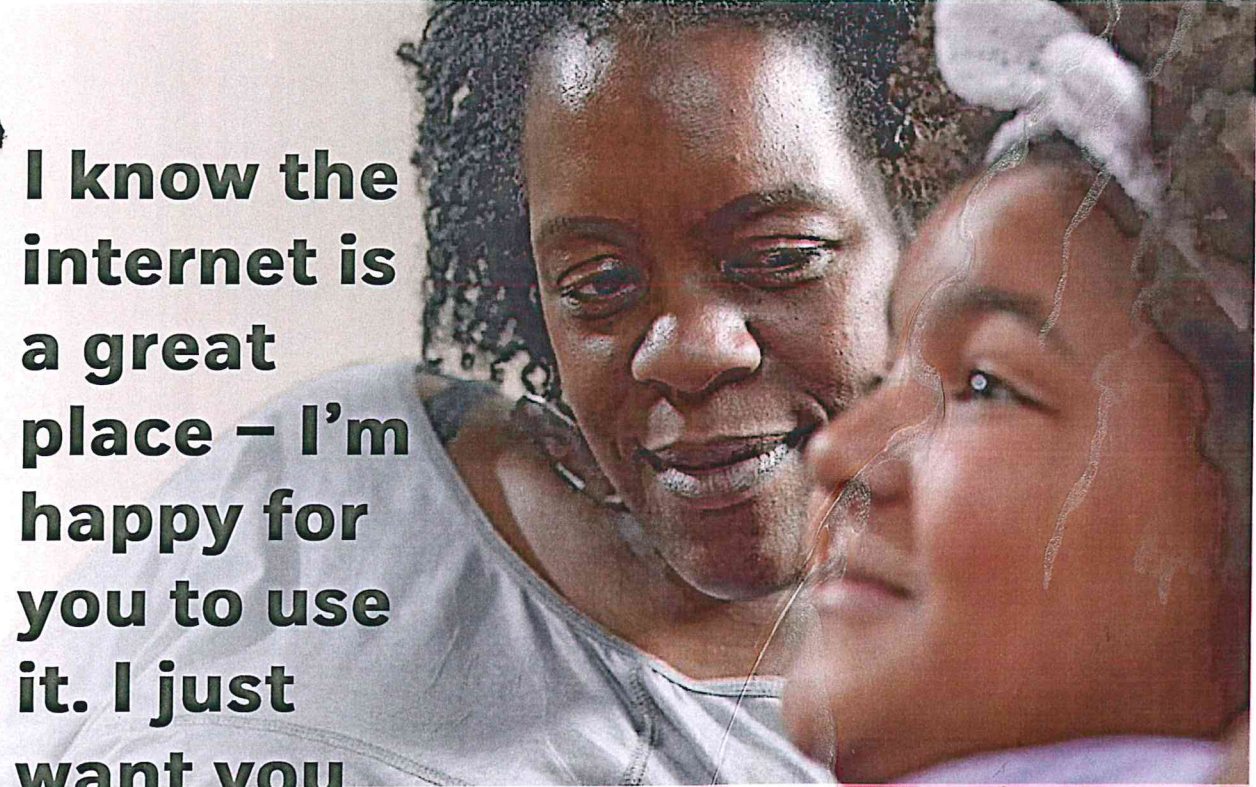
 **Mum,**
Age 43

"Some participants were making negative racial comments."

emails, or falsely reporting each other and stealing 'star coins'."

Start a conversation with your child about MovieStarPlanet

We know it can be awkward, but no amount of information beats talking to your children about their experiences online.



“ I know the internet is a great place – I’m happy for you to use it. I just want you to be OK.

Talk about staying safe

Other relevant resources:

[Online safety](#) | [Sexting](#) | [Cyberbullying](#)