

## “Safe Tea”

During the week 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February we are encouraging you to talk to your grandchild about internet safety. Below you will find some areas you might wish to discuss with your grandchild. After talking to your grandchild please complete the online survey at [www.kidscape.org.uk/saferinternetday](http://www.kidscape.org.uk/saferinternetday)

There are numerous methods of accessing the internet. These include:

- PC, laptop or tablet (similar to a laptop but without a keypad)
- Mobile Phone
- Games Console

On accessing the internet, there is a huge amount at one's disposal. As with most new technology we must endorse its positive effects but also **raise awareness of its dangers**. Children need to consider how safe their online identity is; do they share passwords? Are they aware of what information can be obtained from the photographs they post and what clues do they innocently give allowing strangers to be able to identify them, their school or home?

There are at least 5 million teenagers on Facebook, therefore there is a good chance your grandchild will be using Facebook.

**These questions are provided just to give a feel or an introduction to the types of questions that you might like to ask your grandchild. They may seem far too basic for the more informed internet user but they should act as a good starting point for those unaware of the internet 'scene'.**

### General Questions

Can you be sure to whom you are speaking to over the internet?

Have you ever spoken to someone whose identity you haven't been completely sure of?

### Facebook

Why would one choose to use Facebook?

What is your 'profile' and what information do you include on it?

Can anybody see your profile or is it a bit safer?

Do you feel safe using Facebook and is it easy to use?

### Gaming

Do you ever play games over the internet?

Who do you play with?

What kind of games do you enjoy playing?

How often do you play games over the internet?

Do you pay to play games over the internet?