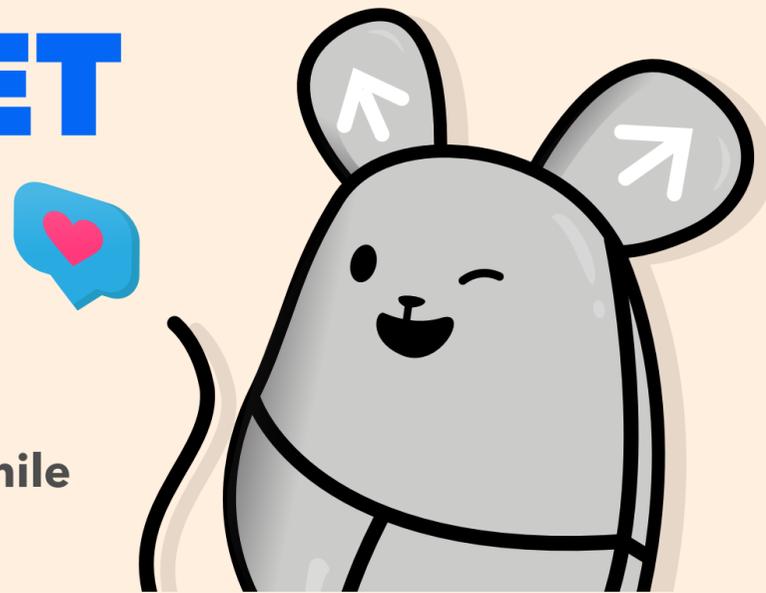


POSITIVE INTERNET BEHAVIOUR

The internet is a double-edged sword that presents both opportunities and risks. When we choose to use the internet positively, we commit to acting responsibly and ethically, while inspiring others to do the same.



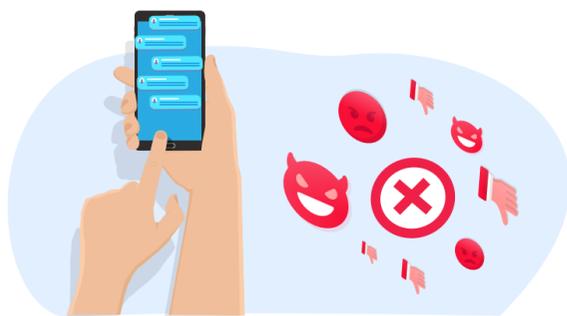
WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW THIS?

Everything that we do or say online has real-life impact on, not just ourselves, but entire communities. It can lead to serious consequences such as online attacks on individuals or the widespread distribution of false information. Emotions may run especially high during this COVID-19 pandemic. A little positivity will go a long way as people consume increasingly more content online.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OTHERS TO EMBRACE POSITIVE INTERNET USE?



- **Lead by example:** We are often influenced by the behaviour of our family and friends. You can inspire others by actively practicing positive internet etiquette.



- **Tactfully call out negative behaviour:** If you see others engaging in negative behaviour online, don't just be a bystander. Call it out and suggest more positive ways for them to approach the situation.



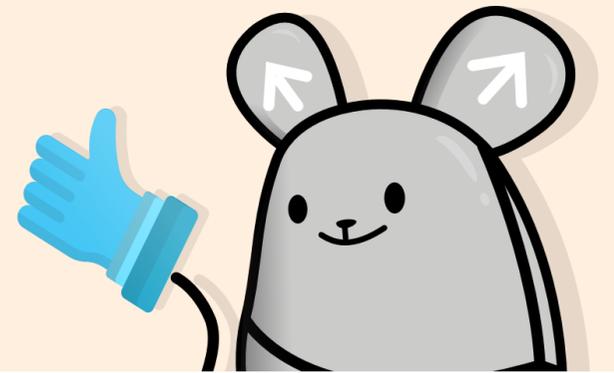
- **Share resources:** If you've read or learned something useful online, share it so that it can benefit others too. However, only do so after you've verified the reliability of the information!

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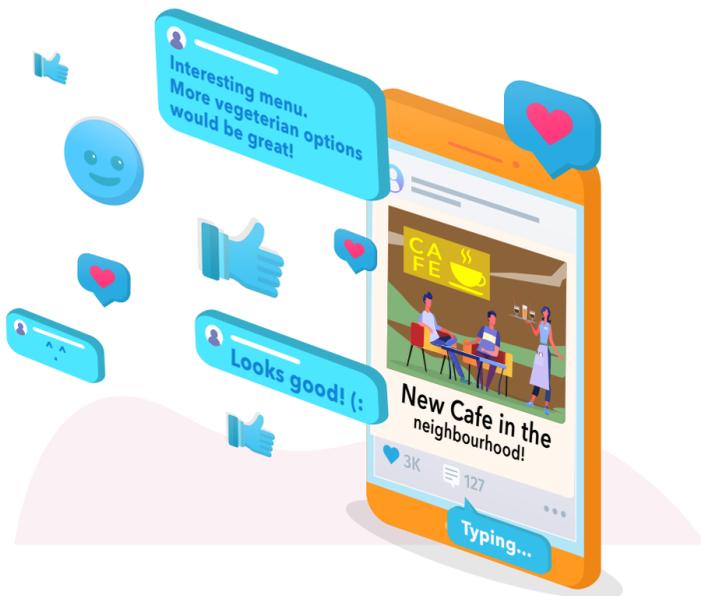
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HERE ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY ONLINE!



POST POSITIVELY

- ▶ While it's common to have a different opinion from someone else, there's never a need to be disrespectful or insulting. Always remember that the person you're addressing online has feelings too.
- ▶ Sometimes, we may feel compelled to "rant" online after negative experiences. However, it is more beneficial to frame your feedback constructively.
- ▶ You can also post positive reviews or supportive comments to encourage others online.



STAND UP TO NEGATIVITY

- ▶ If you see someone being bullied or harassed through abusive posts and comments, stand up for them by reporting these posts.
- ▶ By reporting them, you're helping to create a better internet environment for all.



THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE

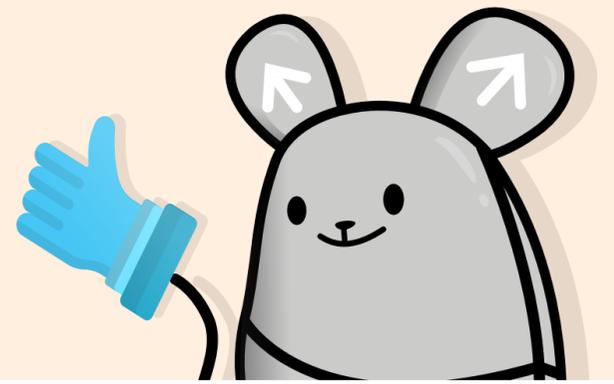
- ▶ Before you forward a photo, link or text message you receive, it's best to check that it's not a hoax, scam or false information.
- ▶ What might seem harmless and funny online could spread negativity or end up humiliating someone else.

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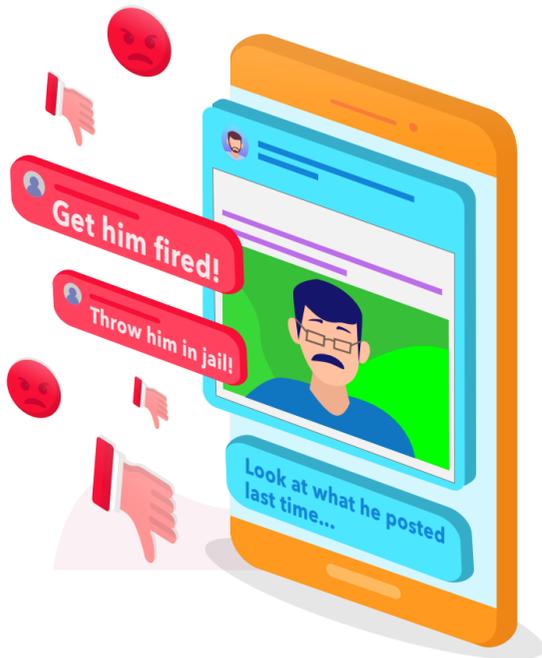


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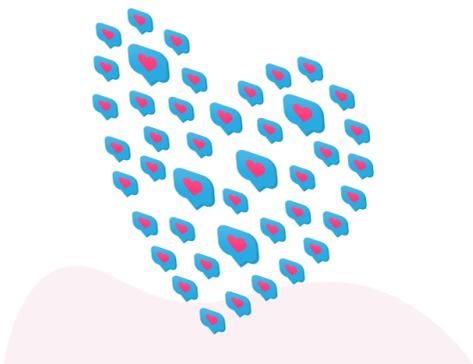
RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF OTHERS

- Doxxing occurs when someone publishes the personal information of another person in order to harass, threaten or facilitate violence against them.
- This includes their name, address, email, phone number, and place of work.
- Doxxing is never a justifiable course of action to take, and is an offence under Singapore's Protection from Harassment Act.



DON'T PUBLICLY SHAME OTHERS

- Social media makes it easier for users to track individuals online and punish them for what is perceived as an insensitive remark or bad behaviour.
- Without the full context, one may jump to conclusions and condemn "perpetrators" hastily or wrongly. In some cases, the accused can receive death threats, abusive rants or even have his/her private information exposed.
- If you have an issue with a fellow netizen, it is better to approach the person privately to find out more.



EXERCISE EMPATHY

- Above all, treat others the way you would want them to treat you.
- Show graciousness and kindness to fellow netizens – everyone can benefit from more positivity.

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