

Creative WRITING COMPETITION



Warwickshire
Safer Internet
Day 2019

Info pack

This is an invitation to all you creative writing geniuses in Warwickshire to show us your talents, and help keep young people safer online.

Together for a better internet or **Respect online** or **#BeCyberKind** – these are the themes for Safer Internet Day 2019, which is on Tuesday 5 February.

To celebrate, we're running a competition for young creative writers.

We want you to give other young people advice on how to keep safer online. And by 'online', we mean when using smart phones, consoles, tablets and computers.

How do I enter the competition?

Using your amazing creative writing skills, tell other young people how they can keep themselves safer online.

Your advice can come in the form of a poem or rhyme, the words to a song or rap, a blog post or a short story.

Your entry must be inspired by either (or both) of Safer Internet Day 2019's important themes: **Together for a better internet** or **Respect online** or **#BeCyberKind**.

Your entry must be your own original work. It can be up to (but no more than) 200 words long.

What do I win?

If your piece of creative writing is picked as one of three top entries in your age category, you'll win:

- 1st prize - £100 voucher / 2nd prize - £50 voucher / 3rd prize - £25 voucher
- A special behind-the-scenes police experience
- A tour of the Wasps RFC ground at the Ricoh Arena.

Winning entries will also be published on our websites (including Twitter and Facebook).

Where can I go for information to help me?

There are some fantastic websites that will give you loads of information to help you write your competition entry. We suggest:

- www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/8817/Internet-Safety-for-8-10-years
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
- www.childnet.com/young-people
- www.stopspeaksupport.com

Who can enter?

So long as you live in and/or are educated in Warwickshire, you can enter the competition.

There are three age categories: **6 to 8**, **9 to 11** and **12+**.

Who is running this competition?

This competition is being run by Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council, who are big supporters of Safer Internet Day 2019.

The important bits

Your entry must be up to, **but no more than, 200 words**.

You will need to write or type your entry on to a sheet of **A4** paper (unless you're entering online). If you're writing it by hand, please **write clearly**.

Remember to put your **name, age, address and school** on the **back** of your entry, so we know it is yours.

Entry forms can be downloaded at: www.safeinwarwickshire.com

Your entry should be posted (together with this completed permission form) to:

**Jo-An Golding, Warwickshire Safer Internet Day 2019 Competition,
Warwickshire Police, PO Box 4, Leek Wootton, CV35 7QB**

Or you can email it to SID2019@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk, or complete it online at www.safeinwarwickshire.com.

If you need more information about this competition, phone the Cyber Crime Team at Warwickshire County Council on 01926 412261 or Jo-An Golding at Warwickshire Police on 01926 415141.

All entries must be received by **5pm on Thursday 28 February 2019**.
Winners will be announced on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

Go on then, give me an example!

Are you in need of some inspiration to get you started?
Police Constable (PC) Stephen Croshaw has written a poem:

Stay Safe

Your family, your friends, your sister and brother,
Should all look out for the safety of each other.

We know there's good stuff on the internet,
But some bad things can make you upset.

So if you see pictures or words that are bad,
Make sure to tell your teacher, your mum or your dad!

Most online people are nice to everyone,
But some can be nasty and think that is fun.

You can still learn and have fun, but be a safe kid too,
And keep your private info safely with you!

If you don't know for sure exactly who's who,
Don't give out your name, number or address too.

Don't give out names of parents or your school,
Especially to strangers pretending they're cool.

Be careful who you chat to – think before you post,
Be careful what you share online – it could hurt you the most.

Be careful with your passwords – always think twice,
Be careful with websites – you could pay a big price.

Remember to keep it safe online – and always be nice,
And thank you for listening to all of our advice

Still got questions?

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Good luck!