

Timings:	Activities:
15 mins	<p>Activity – ‘Algorithm Detectives’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get the young people back in their groups or pairs from the starter activity and ask them to revisit their ‘chosen for you’ content cards to predict what the app might recommend next. • Ask them to think about content that might be similar as well as more extreme versions which might keep someone interested. Ask them to write down 3-5 videos and discuss why they have chosen those. • Come back together as a class and allow a few groups to share their suggestions. Discuss each time whether showing us more of the same or more extreme versions was helpful or unhelpful and why. • Revisit the idea that each time we click on something or watch a video online the algorithm takes that as a signal that we want to see more of that. • Allow a few minutes for the young people to discuss whether they think content algorithms are helpful, unhelpful or not sure and then take a class vote.
5 mins	<p>Plenary – ‘Who Can Help?’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect as a class that we aren’t always in control of what we see online and sometimes suggestions can show us content we don’t want to see. • Remind the class that it doesn’t matter if they click on something, search for it, watch it or share it, if it’s worrying them then talk to a safe adult who can help like a parent, teacher or helpline like Childline (0800 11 11).




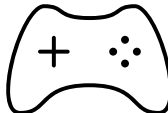



Signposting to support

- **NSPCC Childline – 0800 1111** – free, confidential support for young people under 19, available 24/7
- **SHOUT – text ‘MRF’ to 85258** – free, confidential crisis text line for anyone, any age available 24/7
- **NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000** or help@nspcc.org.uk - free, confidential support for anyone who is worried about the safety and wellbeing of a child

Teach next...

- Use our lesson plan on digital wellbeing to have discussions about how going online makes children feel and how they can protect their wellbeing online.

Appendix 1

<p style="text-align: center;">Football Skills Clip</p> <p>Your app shows you a football tricks video because you just watched a skills video. It starts to auto play when the video you selected finished.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Funny Animal Video</p> <p>Next time you go online your video app decides you should watch a funny animal clip. You did not choose it. It just appears at the top of your screen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 
<p style="text-align: center;">Make Up Tutorial</p> <p>You open your video app and the first thing it gives you is a popular make up routine from a creator you have never heard of. You did not search for it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Gaming Walkthrough</p> <p>Long gaming walkthroughs are most of the videos being recommended to you now after you searched for tips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 
<p style="text-align: center;">News Story</p> <p>Your screen shows a serious news story. You did not ask for news and it feels a bit sudden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Prank video</p> <p>You scroll and keep seeing prank videos and challenges. It's almost every video you see.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 
<p style="text-align: center;">Sad Storytime Video</p> <p>Your app recommends a sad story time video. You do not know why it appeared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Shopping Suggestion</p> <p>Your app recommends a shopping haul video after you watched a similar video yesterday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did it feel to have this chosen for you instead of choosing for yourself? • Have you ever had new content suggested to you online? • What could you do if you do not like what your app suggests to you? 