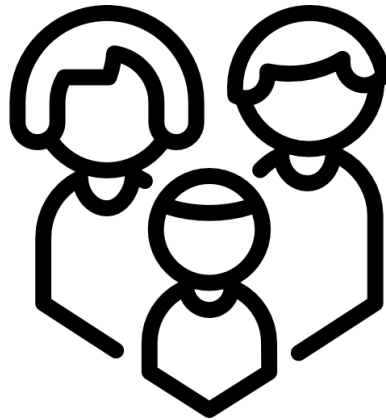


Sharing with Parents on Excessive Internet Use



Outline of Presentation

To share on:

- Singapore: A Wired Nation
- What is Excessive Internet Use?
- Signs of Excessive Internet Use
- Negative Impact of Excessive Internet Use
- How to Support your Child
- MOE's Cyber Wellness Education
- School-wide Programmes
- School's Policies & Procedures
- Resources

Singapore: A Wired Nation

- Singapore's mobile penetration rate: 149.8% in 2016¹
- Our children: accessed the Internet > 4-7 days a week.²
- Our children: started using Internet at 6.1 years old²

1. Department of Statistics Singapore

2. MDA Zero-to-Fourteen Consumer Experience Study 2015

What is Excessive Internet Use?

 Let's watch a video (for Primary Schools)



What is Excessive Internet Use?



Let's watch a video (for Secondary Schools)



What is Excessive Internet Use?

This happens when an individual uses the Internet to the extent where he/she experiences problematic outcomes that negatively affect his/her life.



Signs of Excessive Internet Use



Needs to spend an increasing amount of time using the Internet before achieving satisfaction



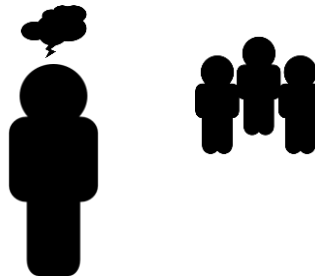
Becomes irritable or violent when disrupted from the use of Internet



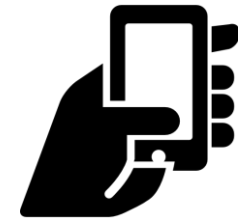
Academic performance and health are affected



Tries to go online less often but is unsuccessful



Prefers Internet use to social events or hobbies that may lead to strained relationships with family and friends



Constantly listens out for the phone when away from it, feels distressed when it cannot be found

Source: Resource Booklet on Excessive Internet Use

http://www.nams.sg/resources/Documents/Addiction_in_Adolescents/Resource%20Booklet%20on%20Excessive%20Internet%20Use.pdf

Negative Impact of Excessive Internet Use

Physical

- Sleep deprivation and disturbance
- Obesity and cardiovascular risk
- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (i.e. hand and wrist pain)
- Personal health and hygiene affected

Negative Impact of Excessive Internet Use

Social

- Feelings of loneliness worsened
- Strained relationships with family and friends

Emotional

- Aggressive behaviours and poorer impulse control
- Depression symptoms

Negative Impact of Excessive Internet Use

Cognitive Skills

- Attentional problems
- Information processing problems

Purpose in Life

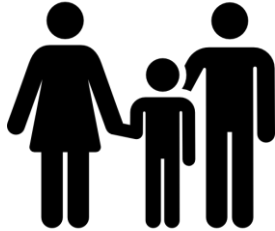
- Online activities perceived as most important aspect of life
- Loss of interest in real world activities

Negative Impact of Excessive Internet Use

Exposure to other risks

- Cyber Bullying
- Dangerous cyber contacts
- Inappropriate online content
- Privacy and security risks

How to Support Your Child



TALK



**SET SCREEN TIME
LIMITS**



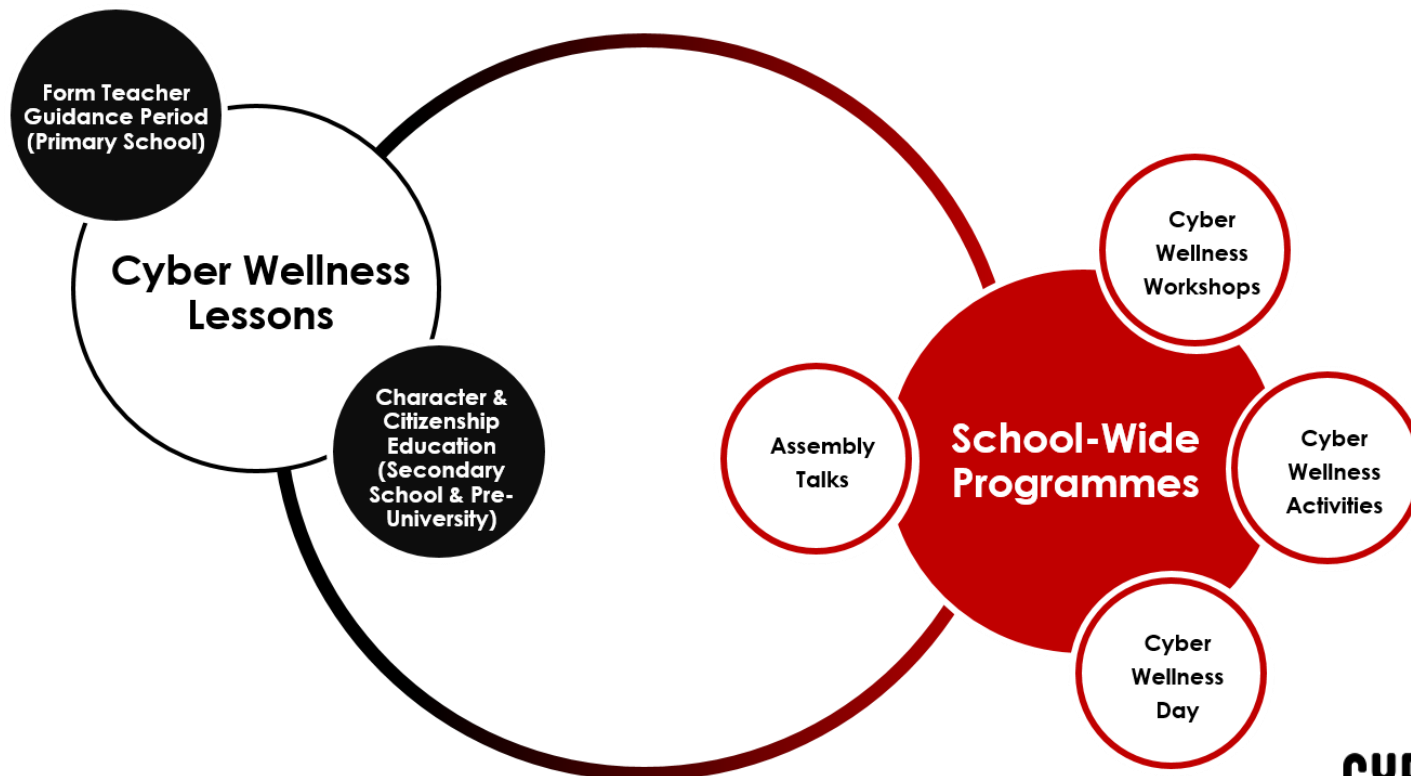
HAVE TECH-FREE TIME



ROLE MODEL

MOE's Cyber Wellness Education

- MOE's Cyber Wellness Education comprises of the following components to reinforce the importance of Cyber Wellness and its messages



School-wide Programmes

Examples of School-wide Programmes

<< Schools are encouraged to share with parents their school-based CW programmes to create greater awareness how their children are benefitting from the programmes. >>

For e.g. Schools can share with parents their school's cyber wellness student ambassador programme here (i.e. how their students have led in the promotion of CW messages amongst their peers, helped to look out for their peers who might be using the Internet excessively.)

School's Policies & Procedures

*<< Schools are encouraged to share with parents
their school's policies/ procedures
(e.g. counselling & mediation)
for management of Excessive Internet Use;
MOE HQ's Excessive Internet Use tip sheet for parents;
and the ICT Connection Cyber Wellness portal
for parents
[[http://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/
for-parents](http://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents)]*

Resources



Ministry of Education

ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents



Ministry of Social and Family Development

whatbothersyouth.sg/en/Pages/Online--Gaming-Addiction.aspx



Health Promotion Board

healthhub.sg/live-healthy/1037/help-your-child-untangle-from-the-web



Media Literacy Council

medialiteracycouncil.sg/online-safety/Pages/internet-addiction.aspx



National Addictions Management Service

nams.sg/addictions/Gaming-Internet-Addiction/Pages/Gaming-Internet.aspx

Every Parent A Supportive Partner