Think!

This is an information note on how to make good use of the Internet.

be SMART ONLINE!

! **Think** before you act!
- Act responsibly towards yourself and others whether online or offline.

! **Think** before you say things that will hurt others online!
- Everyone has a right to be respected. Respect others just as you wish to be respected.
- Respect the Law – Cyber bullying is a crime.

! **Think** before you post online!
- Once you post something online it can last forever as it can be saved and shared by others.
- Your digital footprint is made up of information found about you online. People may form their opinion about you depending on your digital footprint.

! **Think** before you share online!
- Do not share anything which might get you or your friends into trouble today or which you might regret in the future.
- Be careful of what you share with friends online. Remember that today's friends will not necessarily be friends tomorrow.

! **Think** before you give in to peer pressure!
- It is ok to say no and to be different. That is what makes you unique.
- People are not always sincere about their actions.
- Refuse requests that make you feel uncomfortable.

! **Think** before using information you find online!
- Make sure that the websites you are using are trustworthy.

! **Think** before staying connected for a long time!
- Do not let the Internet take over your life. Create an online-offline balance in your life!

@ **Remember**, people are not always who they say they are.
@ **Remember**, your actions online may have consequences offline.
@ If you need to talk to someone about online safety you can call the **Helpline 179**, send an email to **179.appogg@gov.mt** , or visit **www.besmartonline.org.mt**. You can also contact the Cyber Crime Unit on **21 224 001** or send an email to **computer.crime@gov.mt**.