

Smartie the Penguin “Time to chat” questions

- **Page 8** - Should Smartie try to fix it by himself or should he ask for help? Ask your child / take a class vote (teachers). E.g. “Put your hands on your hips if you think he should fix it by himself; put your hands on your head if you think he should ask for help.” (Most children will suggest that he asks for help). Now discuss *why* this is the correct choice - answers may include the fact that he might “break” it / make it worse / Daddy Penguin is an adult who knows more than Smartie / it might be a computer virus / Smartie doesn’t know what it is or what it’s for etc...
- **Page 17** - Should Smartie try to find his favourite website by himself or ask Daddy Penguin for help? Ask your child/ take another vote (teachers) - this could be a show of hands or another fun action. Now discuss why asking for help is the right answer - e.g. he might go to the wrong website and see something that upsets him / he might spell it wrong / he might press the wrong buttons and make the situation worse etc...
- **Page 23** - What is an email? Ask the children: who has heard of an email? Who has seen somebody at home send an email? (They might say which devices their adults / siblings are using to do so e.g. Smartphone, laptop, tablet), has anyone *here* sent an email? Explain in the simplest terms, to those who are not sure, exactly what an email is i.e. “A message that you write on your computer (or laptop or phone etc.) and send to someone else, so that they can read it on their computer (or laptop or phone etc.)”
- **Page 24** - Should Smartie open the email or ask for help? Some children may say that he should open the email because it may be something nice like a prize, or it might be from a friend - however make it clear that it is from a stranger that he doesn’t know and ask the children if it is safe to talk to a stranger? The children should recognise that it is not safe to do so in the “real world,” therefore it is not safe to open the email as we don’t know what the stranger might say, or want they might be sending, or want us to do.
- **Page 30** - Smartie is very lucky to have Daddy Penguin to help him. Ask the children which adults they live with, that they could ask for help when they need it on the computer or on the internet. Some children will list their younger and older siblings too, make it clear that is an adult that they need to go to for help if they are worried or confused about something they have seen online. If reading the book to a child at home, ask them who they would talk to, ensure that they decide that a trusted adult is always the best option.