This social networking profile has been created to stimulate discussion particularly for ASD learners about safe and potentially unsafe practices and features on social networking sites.

Challenge yourself, your class, or your children to make your own profile as safe as possible using the tools on social networking sites and your own decisions about best practice as a user.

**Highlight safe and unsafe features of this page** (using different coloured markers/pens).

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| **Safe** and responsible social networking | **Potentially unsafe** and inappropriate features |
| * Use of cartoon image as a profile photo * Limited personal information is listed eg. No year given for birthdate (therefore no age)   lindsey's simpsonize me | * Chloe uses her full name. * She shares her email address, which is inappropriate for two reasons:  1. She is sharing personal information 2. The language in her email address is provocative.  * Chloe’s cover photo could display where she lives. * It is unlikely that Chloe knows 1,186 ‘friends’ personally. * Discuss her status with your class. Ask why they think Chloe has done this, is it a good idea? * Chloe doesn’t know everyone she has added to her profile as indicated by an unfamiliar user asking where she lives (Billy G) * The ‘People you may know’ tool has come up on her profile. This might encourage young people to add strangers onto their profile as the messaging could be confusing for an ASD learner. * Chloe has shared her location (the cinema) with those who can access her profile (potentially all Friendbook users if this is a public profile as previously suggested). |

**Questions to think about:**

* **What types of personal information is it important to keep safe/private online?**
* **What is appropriate to share publically?**
* **How long does information stay online?**
* **Who could potentially see information online? Now? In the future?**
* **If you have a number of mutual friends with someone, does that mean they are your friend?**
* **How can you protect your safety and personal information on this service?**