

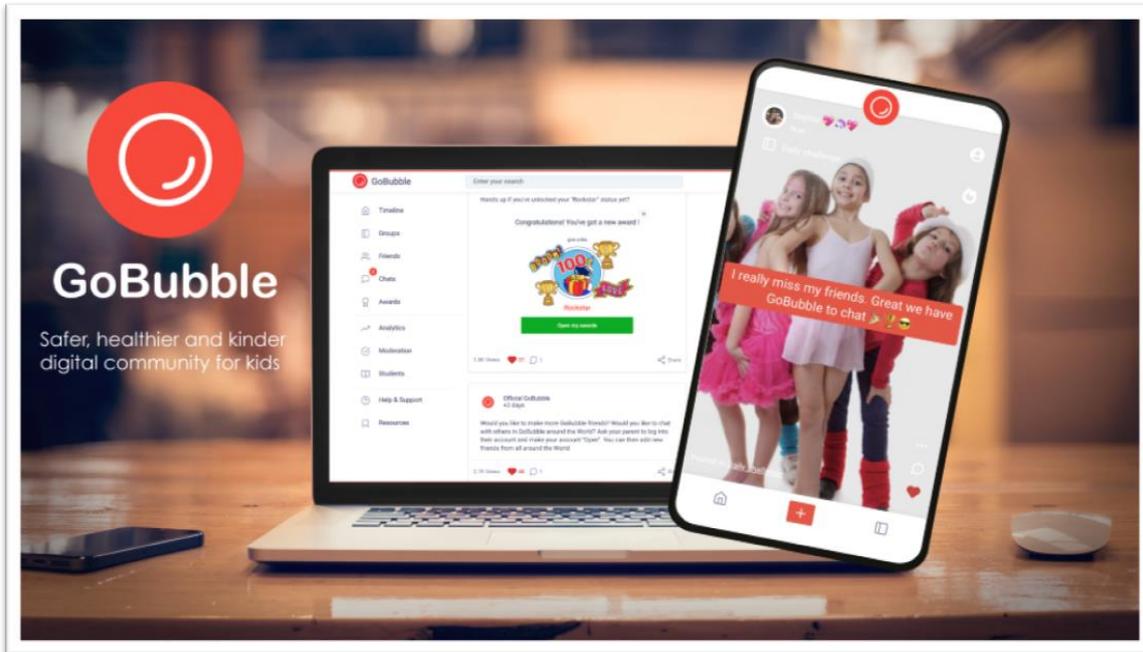


eLIM Pilot Project: GoBubble

Digital Communities to support pupil wellbeing



The eLIM team are delighted to be running a new pilot project with Somerset schools, promoting pupil well-being through the GoBubble platform, from the award-winning creators of e-cadets.



Already used in schools in 39 countries around the world, this free to join platform is a safer, healthier and kinder, digital community for all children, which allows them to interact with other pupils or teachers at their school. GoBubble also offers the opportunity to collaborate with peers and professionals across the world. It can support any curriculum topic and seamlessly connects with other platforms.

GoBubble uses powerful AI technology, backed up by human moderators, to check that all users are children, and to check all content before it goes live, including chat, photo and video, giving teachers safeguarding peace-of-mind. It is very easy to set up, with no spreadsheets or class lists and parental consent collected through the platform.

eLIM's approach to Online Safety has always been based on active participation and providing pupils with opportunities to experience and practise making decisions in a safe and secure environment, to teach them how they can have safe, healthy, positive relationships with technology and with other people in the digital world. We believe GoBubble enables this by providing the opportunity for children to practise the skills they need to navigate social media positively. It promotes kindness by rewarding 'likes' given to other people's posts, not those received, boosting self-esteem and supporting pupil well-being.





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Recent circumstances have meant that well-being is as important as it has ever been, especially for pupils who feel isolated. Schools using GoBubble say that it has ensured they have been able to maintain a sense of community and authentic friendships for children in a safe and protected way. This ITV News feature shows how one school has been using it during lockdown: <https://youtu.be/icnHnKFIFZQ>.

Ian Rockey, headteacher at Westford with Iford Primary School, who have been using GoBubble for some time, says:

“Through GoBubble we can teach children to think before they post in order to become good digital citizens and to keep themselves safe online. This is crucial in an age when social media has become such a powerful medium. Our children have found this both an engaging and exciting way to learn. It has clearly impacted on their understanding of how important it is to communicate online in a respectful and safe way.”

The eLIM team are working with more than twenty Somerset Primary Schools involved in our GoBubble pilot, trialling the platform with their pupils and being part of a project investigating its impact on wellbeing.

In addition, GoBubble are running an exciting piece of work called 'Message of Hope', which can be run over the summer months to support pupil well-being during the holiday and ahead of the new academic year. It also offers the chance to win prizes for your school:



We are very excited about the potential of GoBubble to support Somerset pupils, both socially and educationally.

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