Online Safety
Conversation Starters
for children aged 9-11 years
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preparing children to thrive online

"Why is this game so exciting/interesting for you?

Can you show me how to play? Do you think I will be any good at it?!

Do you have any games or platforms that make you feel anxious/weird/curious?"

"I need you to ask my permission if you'd like to use a screen. I will probably say 'yes' but it's important that you ask because I need to keep you safe online.
You need to ask permission to download too and please remind me to do the privacy settings on EVERY game :)
Can you always remember to do that?"

"I'd like you to use a screen in the room with me when you are online.
The internet has a lot of adult content so it's easier for me to check in with you (I'll try not to interrupt your game).
And at bedtime, please leave your screen in the kitchen/living room."

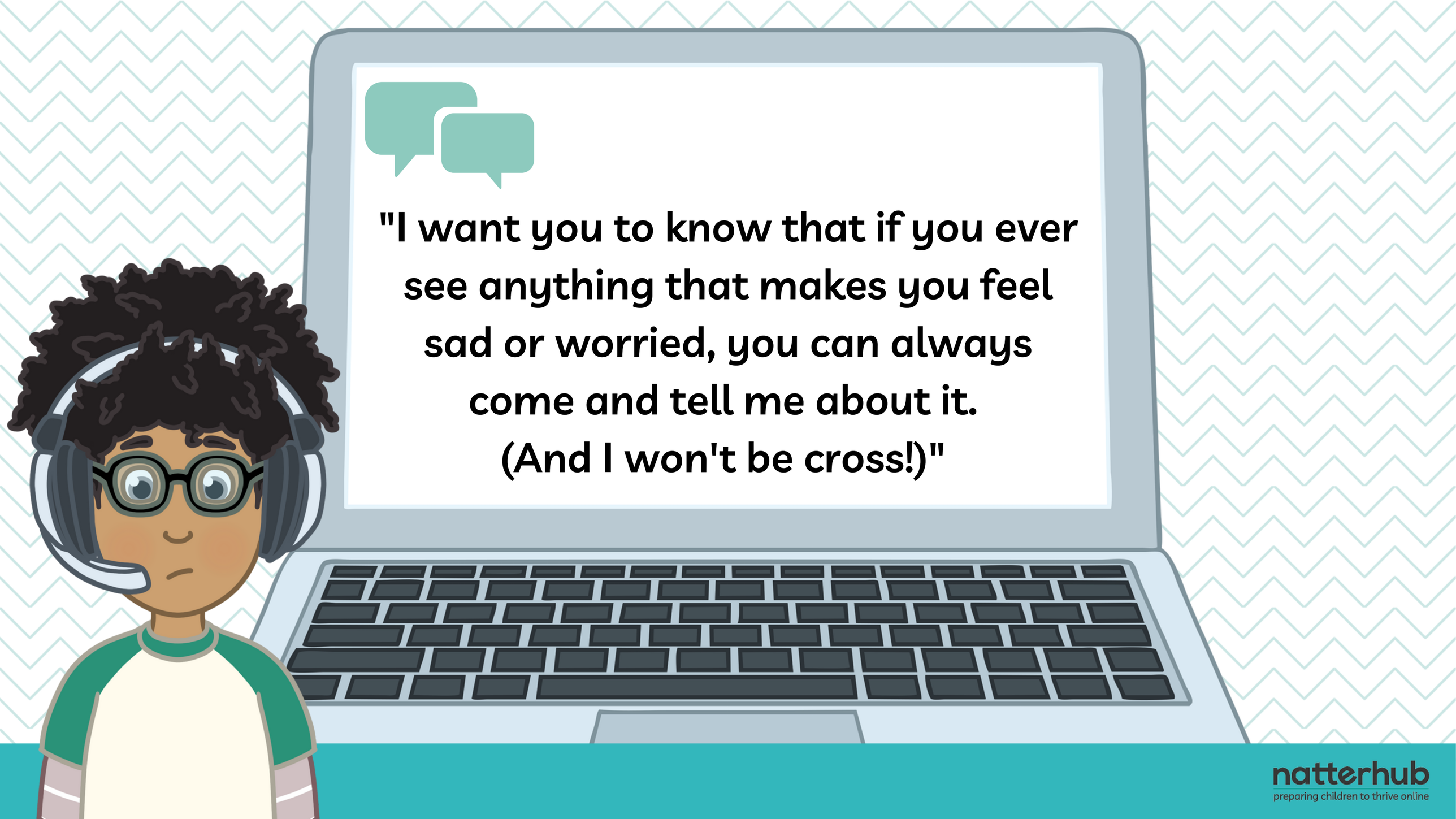
"Do you always know who you are playing games with?
Do you chat with them? What's the vibe of the chat? Does it always stay friendly or does it get weird sometimes? What do you do if someone is not being friendly?"

"Whenever you use the camera function it's never ok to photograph anywhere between your neck and your knees. Even if someone asks you a hundred times. The answer is always 'no'.
And please come and tell me if anyone is asking you.
Can you remember that?"

"What do you know about social media?
What makes it fun?
What makes it risky?
Do you want to see how I use social media?

Did you know that lots of people use filters on their pictures? This can be good fun but it means that most photos you see on a screen are not 'real'. People don't really look like that."

"The internet was never designed with children in mind so there is a lot of adult content on it.
I need you to tell me if you see anything scary on your screen. Or if you see anything that makes you feel shocked. It's important that you tell me about that so we can make a safe digital footprint for you."


"I want you to know that if you ever see anything that makes you feel sad or worried, you can always come and tell me about it. (And I won't be cross!)"

"Just like in stories and films where there are goodies and baddies, it's the same on the internet.

It's easy for anyone to get tricked online. It might be for money, or pictures, or to click on links. That's why the more we talk about what you are doing online, the more we can make sure you are not getting tricked."

"I know that you know how to behave well in different places. It's important that you carry this with you onto the internet. In our family, there is an expectation for you to be safe, savvy and kind online.

And, if anyone is not treating you the same way, you can always let me know."

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