

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK U KNOW

To see what activities took place across the world on Safer Internet Day 2021, click the link below:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

Click any of the links below for advice on keeping your child safe online.



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=screen+addiction&sort=new&cat=>



<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/> -

This site offers tips on cyber bullying, how to control your household's use of technology and cyber security.

Fortnite Game - potential stranger danger issues.

A number of children have been overheard talking in the playground about playing the game Fortnite at home. There have been a number of warnings about the appropriateness of this game for young children under the age of 12.

Click on the link below to read an article from the BBC which talks specifically about the Fortnite game:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/technology-43988210>

Snap Chat 'Snap Map'

As an infant school our children are too young to be legally using Snap Chat, however, as many children do have older siblings, we would like to make you aware of the following child safety warning which has come to our attention.

In June 2017, the police issued important information for parents of children using Snapchat on their mobile devices regarding the new 'Snap Maps' feature which enables location-sharing mode. This feature displays a map of nearby friends, showing their latest location gathered using a smartphone's GPS sensor. Users of the app can also search for locations such as individual schools, with the app displaying public photos & videos sent by students. Parents are advised to turn off 'Snap Maps'.

The link below connects to a Daily Telegraph article which discusses the dangers of this Snap Maps feature.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2017/06/23/police-issue-child-safety-warning-snapchat-maps-update-reveals/>

Gaming - advice for parents

- Play together - keep games consoles, computers and tablets in communal rooms and play games together.
- check PEGI ratings - These statutory age ratings help identify inappropriate games based on their content.

- Set boundaries - depending on your child's age, you could make these decisions together.
- Have a routine - Most families have a routine for mealtimes and bedtimes and the same approach can work for screen time.
- Regular breaks - Take a break every 45-60 minutes and restrict play close to bedtime.
- Set up parental controls - Ensure you have specified what content your child can access with secure passwords and user settings.
- Check play history - See what your child plays and for how long by checking their user history.
- Extend your child's play beyond the screen - Find out what games they like and plan related activities.
- Know who your child is talking to - Many apps allow conversations with other gamers.

Youtube Risks - Uploading Video

The following issues are perhaps more appropriate to older children, however, given many of our children live in households with older siblings, we wish to make parents aware of possible concerns.

Many children spend a lot of time watching Youtube and children often wish to create their own Youtube films. In doing so, without careful thought, they can leave themselves open to bullying or online grooming by revealing personal details and making videos and comments available to anyone.

This is not illegal but the minimum age to create a Youtube account is 13. Having an account for a younger child breaks the terms and conditions of the site. It is not possible to upload videos without creating an account.

The following links provide additional information for parents and teachers :-

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB&ref_topic=2803240