



Online Safety—Advice for parents/carers on how to keep children safe online

It is now virtually impossible to be a parent of a child who is not an active participant in the online world. Parent/carers are aware of the wonderful learning benefits of engaging children in an online world, however, they are also increasingly aware of some of the more dangerous content and sites on the internet that can be upsetting for the child.

- Be aware of how your child engages with the online world.
- Talk to your child about their online habits
- Be aware if your child is engaging in social networking and decide what is appropriate for your child.
- Make sure your child knows what to do if they do come across inappropriate content or something that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Age appropriate content and gaming.

CEOPs - the place to get advice on and report an inappropriate or potentially illegal content or action that you see online.

Barnardos - Be safe guide for parents/children about sexual exploitation.

Childline - a online resource helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children.

Childnet - free downloadable leaflets for parents/carers, children, young people and professionals.

Common Sense Media - American site which reviews websites, games etc with age suitability.

Connect Safely - includes parents guides to Facebook etc.

Digizen – a fantastic resource that includes all sorts of advice on how we, as adults, can encourage children to become responsible digital citizen and discerning when viewing digital content.

Get Safe Online - advice and guidance about online safety.

Google Good to Know - includes family safety.

Internet Matters - Helping parents keep their children safe online.

Know It All for Parents - is a unique interactive E-safety guide put together by Childnet International.

Kidsmart - a fantastic online resource with excellent E-safety tips. There is also a fantastic children's section for your children to explore.

Net Aware - NSPCC reviews of 50+ popular apps/games.

NetLingo - Common online acronyms and text speak e.g. LOL, POS.

NSPCC guide to online safety - advice on the appropriateness of online content from the NSPCC.

NSPCC guide to social networks - advice for social networking.

Parent Info - Excellent resources to include on school/setting websites.

Parent Port - Site for parents to report inappropriate content (on and offline).

Parents Protect - Lucy Faithfull Foundation.

The Parent Zone - guidance for parents and professionals working with families.

ThinkUKnow - an excellent website that has all sorts of advice for parents and carers as well as sections for children who want to learn about E-safety for themselves - an excellent resource to look at as a family.

UK Safer Internet Centre - this website contains a wealth of resources and content about how to keep children safe online. They are also the group behind the Safer Internet Day initiative that is celebrated on a yearly basis.

Gaming

Ask About Games - advice on computer gaming and parental controls

Pegi - information about games rating

Mobile phones

Carphone Warehouse - Guide to mobile web safety

EE Digital Living resources - for schools and parents/carers

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