



Online Safety 🛃

Children are growing up in a world with a bigger range of online activities than ever before and it is sometimes very hard to know how to stay safe.

The best safety feature that a child has is their parent or carer. Take the time to talk to your child about the apps and games they are using and don't be afraid to say no sometimes. Childnet's family agreement is a great way to start the conversation: Family Agreement | Childnet

All children should have received this but please ask the office if you would like another paper copy.

We recommend that no child has access to an app or game that they are not old enough to use, children are in a supervised area of the house when online and all devices have got parental controls set up.

The Pegi App allows parents to check the age limits for online games and the safety reasons for these. <u>The PEGI App | Pegi Public Site</u>

The internet matters website explains how to set parent controls on different devices. <u>https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/</u>. Most parental controls also allow adults to set a maximum time for the use of a device or app. Please bring a device in if you want us to help you do this.

ThinkUKnow is the website aimed at children and their parents from the National Crime Agency. It has lots of useful suggestions and advice on how to report issues; <u>Parents and carers | CEOP Education (thinkuknow. co.uk</u>). It also has lots of games and activities including Jessie and Friends for the younger children and Band Runner for the older ones. <u>4-7s | CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)</u>

Many children will at times suffer from online bullying. It is really important that they have someone they can talk to and know that it is not acceptable. Please make sure you report all incidents of online bullying to the safe-guarding team.

Children can always call Childline on 0800 1111 for advice on anything that is worrying them.