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Online Safety Newsletter

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We are pleased to publish the second edition of our online safety newsletter. Children can spend many hours online browsing the internet for research, playing online games or to keep up to date with friends.

Parental online help

The NSPCC have developed 'Share Aware' to help parents and carers advise their children about keeping safe online. Talking about your children's online world is just as important as talking about bullying, road safety or stranger danger. Having regular conversations with your children will help you to spot any potential problems.

The NSPCC suggest three tips to help you start a conversation.

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your children if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.

For more help and advice visit https://www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware

Facebook have also launched an advice area, the Parents Portal. The information is broken down into three sections.

1. Get to know Facebook
2. Parenting Tips
3. Expert Advice

For more information go to the full Parents Portal at: https://www.facebook.com/safety/parents

Posting photographs online

The internet can be a wonderful resource but increasingly children and young people are using photos and videos to communicate online.

Posting photographs online can present the following risks:

- photographs can be misunderstood or misrepresented
- the message that the photograph conveys could be misunderstood
- the online reputation of a person could be perceived positively or negatively because of the behaviour of the people in photographs
- images could be used to pressure others

Posting photographs online continued...

As parents you have an invaluable role in helping to share this message. Please encourage your children to:

1. Talk about what they seen and experience on line.
2. Think about what they post online and how it may affect others.
3. Make sure privacy settings are set correctly.
4. Make sure they only have online contact with people they know and trust.

Games Consoles

Online gaming can be fun, entertaining and can encourage teamwork and cooperation when played with others. Internet safety is directly applicable to online gaming on all devices. All games consoles have parental control settings to allow you to limit your child's gaming to age-appropriate games based upon the PEGI rating.

PEGI labels appear on the front and back of games packaging, and on online games and apps. For more information about the different age levels and descriptors visit:

www.pegi.info/en/index

The Childnet International website has lots of information and top tips about online gaming. The top tips are:

1. Play a game or two with your child.
2. Talk with your child about the types of games that they like to play.
3. Talk about who your child may be playing with online.
4. Set up parental controls.
5. Establish a family agreement.
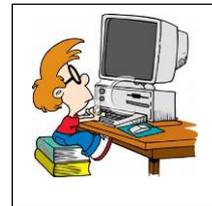
For more information and other useful website links visit:

http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/gaming

Other Useful Websites

Supporting Young People Online: www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online

Advice for Foster Carers: www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption

Keeping under fives safe on line: www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online

A Parent's Guide to Technology: www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech

Internet Parental Controls: www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls

Safety tools on Online Networks: www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools

Online Gaming: www.childnet.com/online-gaming

Young People and Social Network Sites: www.childnet.com/sns

Social Network Checklists: www.saferinternet.org.uk/checklists