



Farington Moss St Paul's Online Safety Newsletter

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'Thrive in the Gift of Life.' John 10 : 10 '



SMART Rules

The summer holidays are nearly here and this can mean a change in our normal routines. It is a time to remind children about keeping safe. We remind children about crossing the road. We keep our children safe from dangers in the home. We talk about safety by water. How often do we remind children about being safe online? Don't forget to add online safety to your checklist this summer! Here are some useful resources to help you.

In school we often refer to the SMART rules. They are a concise way of remembering the important messages about keeping safe. For more information click onto the link and watch Kara and Winston explain the SMART rules. <https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>



Pegi Ratings

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:

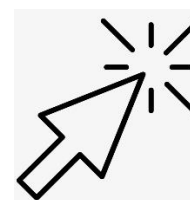
<https://pegi.info/>



Harmful Content

Did you know there is a dedicated website set up for reporting any harmful online content? For more information or to report any harmful online content please visit this website.

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>



Social Media Platforms and Apps

Social Media is a part of modern life. The Safer Internet Centre and SWGfL have written useful guides to all social media platforms and apps. These helpful lists provide key information about each platform including the age restrictions. Most Social Media platforms have an age restriction of 13+ to set up an account and /or use their services (WhatsApp is 16+).

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

Important T&Cs

Here are some examples of terms and conditions from Snapchat and Tik Tok's websites.

Snapchat "No one under 13 (or, if greater than 13, the minimum age at which a person may use the Services in your country) is allowed to create an account or use the Services. If you are under 18 (or the legal age of majority in your country), you may only use the Services with the prior consent of your parent or legal guardian. Ref <https://snap.com/en-GB/terms#terms-row> for more information.

Tik Tok "You can only use the Platform if you are 13 years of age or older. We monitor for underage use and we will terminate your account if we reasonably suspect that you are underage. You can appeal our decision to terminate your account if you think we have made a mistake about your age. In short: You need to be 13 or over to use our Platform. Ref <https://www.tiktok.com/legal/terms-of-service-eea?lang=en>



Supervision tools

If you have teenagers, you may be interested to know that Instagram have recently set up new parental supervision tools. For more information visit this website link.

[https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/instagram-new-parental-supervision-](https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/instagram-new-parental-supervision-tools/?utm_source=June+2022+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

[tools/?utm_source=June+2022+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter](https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/instagram-new-parental-supervision-tools/?utm_source=June+2022+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

Digital Wellbeing

Digital wellbeing relates to how our use of technology impacts our life. If you would like to find out more about digital wellbeing, then visit SWGfL's website for more information. There is also a link to a recent online event on the topic, which is still available to watch.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/digital-wellbeing/>

Useful Website Links

SWGfL

<https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/10-online-safety-tips/>

UK Safer Internet Centre

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

CEOP

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>