



Farington Moss St Paul's Online Safety Newsletter

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SMART Rules

As parents, we are always reminding our children to be safe. Whether it is crossing the road or dangers in the home. During the summer, it always prompts conversations about being safe by water. How often do we remind children about being safe online? As the summer holidays are approaching and children have more opportunities to spend time online, don't forget to add online safety to your checklist this summer! These SMART rules are a concise way of remembering the important online safety messages. For more information visit this website. <https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>



National Online Safety Wake Up Wednesdays

National Online Safety work with experts in education and online safety to create training and resources. Their mission is to make the internet a safer place for children. They aim to equip schools, parents and children with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers and how to react if an incident occurs. National Online Safety are a valuable resource for keeping up to date with the latest online safety information.

The last issue of Wake Up Wednesday has useful tips for the summer holidays. Please visit the school story for more information.



Digital Wellbeing

Digital wellbeing relates to how our use of technology impacts our life. SWGfL's website has a lot of relevant information and articles on the subject. Please visit their website for further information.

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

Meta (the company that owns Facebook, Instagram, Threads and WhatsApp) have recently introduced new Digital Wellbeing and Parental supervision tools. The new features support young people and families across Facebook and Instagram, encouraging people to be more conscious about how they manage their time on social media. The latest features will include additional parental supervision tools, messaging privacy features, and 'Take a Break' notifications. For more information click onto these links.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/meta-introduce-new-digital-wellbeing-and-parental-supervision-tools/>

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/06/parental-supervision-and-teen-time-management-on-metas-apps/>

Social Media Platforms and Apps

Do you need to keep up to date with social media platforms and apps? The Safer Internet Centre and SWGfL have written useful guides to all social medial platforms and apps including key information about each platform. Most Social Medial 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/>



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>

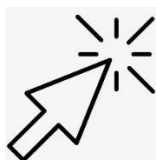
CEOP

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

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/>



Pegi Ratings

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/>