



Farington Moss St Paul's Online Safety Newsletter

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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.

As a school we have signed up to receive regular newsletters. The newsletters give concise practical information about current topics such as Social Media, Tik Tok and HiPal.

Please look out for them on the School Story of the Dojo.



Online Safety at Christmas

The Christmas holidays will be a good time to revisit important online safety messages at home. If you need a starting point for your discussions, then the NCPCC's website has many useful tips.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Does your child like building with Lego? On this page there is a link to a resource called 'Build and Talk.' These are activities designed for you as a parent to facilitate online safety discussions in a fun way. For more information about this resource follow the link below.

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/>



Pegi Ratings

Not sure what the latest Pegi ratings are? 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. For more information about the different age levels and descriptors visit: <https://pegi.info/>



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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/>



Free Online Safety App

The National Online Safety has produced a free mobile application for parents. This can be accessed via the Apple Store or Google Play. This comprehensive online safety app, it's packed with insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect the kids you care about when they're online. This app is designed to help you as a parent stay in the know with the latest developments in apps, games and platforms. If you would like more information, please visit

<https://info.nationalcollege.com/mobile-app>



Ofcom Report 2022

Are you interested in statistics? Ofcom produce an annual report called Children and Parent's Media Use and Attitude Report. There is a new edition for 2022. It has many interesting findings from their recent survey. One interesting statistic from the report stated that the most popular online activity among children aged 3-17 (95%) is using video-sharing platforms (VSPs) such as YouTube or TikTok. For more information visit this website.

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/>

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<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>