



Farington Moss St Paul's Online Safety Newsletter

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SMART Rules

As parents we are constantly reminding our children to stay away from dangers on the road and to put on suncream when in the sun. At the beach we remind our children to be safe by the 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 and easy 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 link here provides access to a range of information from previous Wake Up Wednesdays.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides>



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Useful Resources

Digital wellbeing is a very relevant topic, especially when children are spending more time online in the holidays. SWGfL's website has 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 Digital Wellbeing and Parental supervision tools. The tools support young people and families across Facebook and Instagram, encouraging people to be more conscious about how they manage their time on social media.. For more information click onto these links are also included.

<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/>

Safe Online Searching

Does your child like to search for information online? In school we encourage the children to use a safe child friendly search engine called Swiggle. The search engine is easy to use and you don't need to install anything onto your device. For more information visit <https://swiggle.org.uk/>



Useful Website Links

SWGfL

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

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/staying-safe-online-this-summer/>

UK Safer Internet Centre

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

CEOP

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

Harmful Content

If you need to report harmful content please visit this website.

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>



Social Media Platforms and Apps

Most Social Media platforms have an age restriction of 13+ to set up an account and /or use their services (WhatsApp is 16+). The Safer Internet Centre and SWGfL have written some useful guides.

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

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



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/>