



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first Online safety Newsletter.

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As children move up through the school their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but children, schools and parents all need to be aware of various online risks. By providing a regular 'online safety' newsletter we hope to keep you up to date with various technology trends, provide practical advice and share resources to help children to stay safe online. If you would like to share any information or require any further support please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you,

Mr Ball

New Resource Alert!



Play Like Share follows the adventures of Sam, Ellie and Alfie as they form a band and enter their school's Battle of the Bands contest, taking on the mean but 'cool' Popcorn

Wizards as they go. The three friends learn that while the internet can help, they need to use it wisely and safely.

The aim of the films is to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online. In particular, the films teach them to spot the early signs of manipulative, pressurising and threatening behaviour by people they might meet online, and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help.

Find the videos at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/>

Do you know all about Parental Controls?

Parent controls are a great tool to help protect your children online. These controls are designed to help parents and carers manage their child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they don't replace the need for adults to support and advise children using the internet. For details on what controls can be used for and how to set them up please visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>



Social Media Update—ooVoo



ooVoo is a video chat app. It lets you make video calls, voice calls and send texts to friends and family. Like many other sites and apps, ooVoo is used by both adults and children. This means that children can be directly contacted by an adult they don't know. Please check your child account settings if they are using ooVoo.



How old does my child have to be to use these?

Some apps, sites and games online have age restrictions. Getting to grips with all the different age ratings can be a difficult so here is a brief reminder.

Our top tip, though, is to check out the terms and conditions for sites your children are using or want to use

OK for under-13s

These are services that are either designed for children aged under 13, or are specifically designed to be used by under-13s providing they have parental consent:

Popjam

This service is available for use by children aged under 13. Their terms explain that if a child is younger than 13, they need the consent of a parent or legal guardian before giving out any personal information when they register.

Club Penguin

A site specifically for under-13s, with parental consent required.

Moshi Monsters

A site specifically for under-13s, with parental consent required.

Over-13s only

Some of the best-known sites on the web are for over 13s only. In the UK, under-13s registering for these sites aren't breaking UK law but they are breaching the terms and conditions of the website.

It's also worth remembering that because these sites are designed for over-13s, they won't necessarily have procedures in place to make them suitable places for younger children. These sites include:

Google

To have a Google account and access all their main services including YouTube and Gmail you need to be over 13. That does not mean that an under-13 shouldn't watch videos on YouTube or use Google search, it just means they can't create an account and upload content.

Facebook

You need to be 13 to have a Facebook account. It is a violation of their terms and conditions to create an account for someone under 13.

Twitter

It's not easy to find how old you have to be to use Twitter. The information they provide for parents doesn't specify an age nor does the information for teens. However, in their privacy policy they say that their services are not directed to persons under 13.

Instagram

You need to be over 13 to use Instagram.

Ask.fm

This site requires users to have parental consent if they are under the age of majority, which, in the UK, is 18.

Snapchat

You need to be over 13 to have a Snapchat account. However, some features are limited to over-18s and to use those you have to affirm that you are either over 18 or have parental consent.

WhatsApp

This app used to require users to be 16 and over but has changed its terms and conditions so it now says it is for 13 and over.

We hope that the this guide has proved useful. If you require any further information in setting safety and privacy settings for social media apps please visit:

<http://parentinfo.org/article/setting-safety-and-privacy-settings-for-social-media-apps>



musical.ly

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The latest popular app Musical.ly lets you make and share music videos. Pick your song from within the app and dance or sing along for up to 15 seconds, choose from a variety of editing effects and share your video or save it privately. CEOP have produced a guide for parents and carers explaining what Musical.ly is, how it works and how to help your child use it safely. It can be found on the following link. <http://parentinfo.org/article/a-parents-guide-to-musically>

3 tips to help start the conversation about online safety

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

Get more advice about how to [talk to your child](#) to help them stay safe.

For more information on this visit:

[NSPCC—Share Aware campaign](#)

ONLINE SAFETY WORDSEARCH

Can you find the online safety related words in the grid below?

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EMAILS
FACEBOOK
FRIENDS
GOOGLE
INSTAGRAM
INTERNET

IPAD
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