

Online Safety Newsletter for Parents Christmas 2020



Welcome to the third in a series of newsletters to support parents of primary aged children with online safety risks, issues and concerns. If you have any serious concerns or issues, please contact school as usual.

Advice

If you are thinking of presenting technology type gifts to children this Christmas, check this site out first and find out how you can make the whole online experience a safer one <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> Advice for mobile devices, gaming, apps and games themselves. The PEGI code app might be worth downloading <https://pegi.info/app#:~:text=The%20PEGI%20app%20allows%20parents,home%20or%20on%20the%20move.&text=Search%20through%20the%20PEGI%20database,game%20and%20app%20rating%20classifications>. It covers several different languages and Google Store or Apple links are included.

This might be a good time to consider a family agreement for the use of technology in the home, behaviour online, time online etc. This resource from Childnet may help you, although there are others available, or just make your own up?

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement>

or

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/o2-nspcc-family-agreement-template.pdf>

Has someone seen something online that worries them/you?

Before you talk to your children about your concerns there is plenty of advice available.

Internet matters are constantly updating their materials and worth a read

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/fake-news-misinformation-and-coronavirus-parent-guide/>



The London Grid for learning post many resources for schools and some, like the image above, for parents. It is very good advice.

<https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/online-safety/posters/LGfL-DigiSafe-Poster-A3-Scares.pdf>

Also you can check it out yourself on a site like <https://www.snopes.com/>

Gaming

This article provides a positive view of how we can incorporate games into a healthy lifestyle, from Parent Zone. Video games to help your child stay active.

https://parentinfo.org/article/video-games-to-help-your-child-stay-active?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=46b15ff133-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_02_02_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-46b15ff133-179011393



The website <https://www.askaboutgames.com/> provides much useful information and handy tips.

Advice and simple instructions for making many gaming devices safer to use can be found here <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>



Advice is posted regularly on the Warwickshire Online Safety Facebook page for parents. You do not need a Facebook account to view the posts, but you will get automatic updates if you like the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stayingsafeonline/>



Have a safe and happy Christmas break.

Ensure that children are adequately supervised and supported by an adult during any time they are online.