

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

TOP TIPS



Set parental controls on your broadband or mobile device, to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>



Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games.

www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others.



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally.

LEARNING ONLINE

Are you helping your child learn at home? We hope this newsletter will provide you with some useful pointers.

LEARNING ONLINE

- Follow your **schools' rules on communicating** and only use those approved channels to communication with your teacher/school.
- When participating in any live well being sessions try to do this in a **family area**.
- Set **scheduled breaks** away from screen time.
- Only use web resources that your school have recommended or are from a known and **reliable source**.



YouTube Kids was created to give children a more contained environment that makes it simpler and more fun for them to explore on their own, and easier for parents and caregivers to guide their journey as they discover new and exciting interests along the way.

YouTube Kids allows you to **limit screen time, block videos** and choose what content children can see to **develop positive digital habits**.

<https://www.youtube.com/kids/>

SCREEN TIME



As children are home learning, there may be an increase in how long your child is spending online. This site offers age appropriate guidance relating to screen time and how you can balance it and set boundaries.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

NET AWARE



To find out more about the apps, websites and games your children use, go to:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

PARENTAL CONTROLS



Install parental controls on your home broadband. Most Internet-enabled devices also allow you to set parental controls so you can manage what they can see online. For more support go to: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

SEARCH SAFELY



Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or www.kiddle.co.uk Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as using www.youtube.com/kids/

CHECK IF IT'S SUITABLE



The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews