



Online Safety News

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Where to go to for Advice?

Children are using devices at a younger age so it's important to consider setting controls on their tech, or on any devices that you are letting them borrow from you.

As there are so many computer operating systems, search engines, internet providers, web browsers, smartphones, tablets, apps, social networks, live-streaming services and video sharing, TV and film services, this newsletter aims to cover only a few of these but will direct you to websites and literature, where you can obtain more information.

The following website is particularly useful:

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

It contains step by step guides, that will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites your children use to give them a safer online experience.

The Digital Parenting magazine (issue 6) will also give you lots of tips and advice on setting parental controls. This can be found here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-online-safety-magazine-archive>

It can also be found on the 'Online Safety' section of our school website. **Hard copies are in school to be collected by parents.**

Parental controls on your child's smartphone and tablet

Parental controls on smartphones and tablets can block access to websites containing adult content. Mobile phone companies can filter content rated 18+ at the network level – check with your mobile provider whether this filter is on or off. The UK's main **mobile** providers (e.g. Vodafone, EE, O2 and Three) automatically block 18+ rated content through the Active Choice network-level filtering system. But remember, these filters only work when the device is connected via the mobile network, not Wi-Fi. Your mobile's operating system may also include safety

features and you can set restrictions on the App Store and Google Play (see below).

Android (eg LG, Sony, Samsung, Huawei, HTC, Motorola)

The restricted user feature lets you manage which apps, games and other content your child can access and gives you the choice of disabling certain features, such as location and camera. To find out more: vodafone.uk/cnet

iOS (eg iPhone and iPad)

You can enable restrictions on your child's iPhone or iPad and select on or off for features such as FaceTime, in-app purchases and Safari. To find out more: vodafone.uk/applesparentalcontrols

Windows Phone (eg Microsoft Lumia)

The My Family option helps you to manage the apps and games your child is able to download to their phone. You can also set up Kid's Corner on your own Windows Phone so that, if your child borrows it, they can only access age-appropriate content and not get to the rest of your stuff that you want to keep private. To find out more: vodafone.uk/microsoftmyfamily To set up Kid's Corner: vodafone.uk/kid. This information was taken from Digital Parenting Issue 6.
