



Online Safety Newsletter

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Dear Parent or Carer

N.S.P.C.C. Net Aware

This is a site where you can go to find out more. You are able to type in a site or app and information appears about the site. It is limited to recognising the site or app, but it allows you to read what others think of the site.

You can also sign up to an email service that will provide up to date information.

Minimum Ages

All of the sites have minimum ages. This classification is there to protect your children from the potential harm of the sites. You need to decide how best to use this information.

Minecraft Pocket Edition - 7+

SnapChat - 13+

Instagram - 13+

WhatsApp - 13+

YouTube - 13+

Twitter - 13+

The above information is from N.S.P.C.C. Net Aware.

Digital Footprint

I know it's difficult to get this across to children, but when they are online/using social media/send words or pictures, there are creating a digital footprint that remains.

What they do now may come back to haunt them in the 'future', whenever that is. It is vital that you work with your children to make sure they don't leave behind anything that will 'harm' them later in life, whether that is in a week or in 10 years time.

Toothpaste!

Compare a tube of toothpaste to your children's words and pictures they post online.

Squeeze the tube, watch the toothpaste come out - ask them to put it back in the tube
Impossible.

Remind them that the information/photos they place online can never be recalled, will always be out of their control.

Your Rules

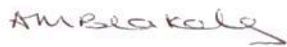
Again, this is your choice, but I would suggest having rules/guidelines when and where your children can use their devices.

You need to be clear about access to their devices and check them on a regular basis.

The issues that we deal with in school could be lessened if children were near to family when using media instead of perhaps in their bedrooms. It is impossible to stop all private use, but the more public the environment the less likely for issues to occur.

UKCCIS

This is a government website that gives a variety of general information and is worth a look.



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