



Online Safety Newsletter

Griffin Primary School



In this half-termly newsletter, we want to keep you informed of the latest online safety updates, as well as sharing information with you about how to keep your children safe online. It is also vital that you know what to do if you have any concerns about your child's or another child's online activities.

How to keep your child safe online

Let your child know that both good (and bad) news travels fast online, and that they can sometimes find themselves in tricky situations with lasting consequences. But what can they do to prevent this? The answer: understand how to share smartly with those they know – and those they don't.



Online safety website links

Below are some websites that will help you to understand what online safety is (including activities to complete as a family) and give advice about what to do if you are concerned:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Every word matters

Make sure your child is familiar with the points below:

- They should treat online communication the same as face-to-face communication.
- If it isn't right to say, it isn't right to post.
- If in doubt, get guidance from a trusted adult on what kind of communication is (and isn't) OK.
- Personal details about family, friends – and yourself – should stay private.

Online safety app—Safe to Net

The online safety app below adds a safeguarding measure to your child's device by warning them if it picks up harmful content. It also allows you to add parental controls where appropriate.

[Best Parental Control Apps for iPhone | Best Parental App for iPhone \(safetonet.com\)](#)

You Tube and You Tube for Kids

YouTube is a video sharing service where users can watch, like, share, comment and upload their own videos. The video service can be accessed on PCs, laptops, tablets and via mobile phones. **YouTube Kids** is for family-friendly content. Age-restricted videos are not viewable to users who are under 18 years of age or those that are signed out.

If your child holds their own YouTube account and posts videos, make sure that you are aware of the content of the videos they are posting. Remember, their videos can be viewed by anyone on the internet and people may not always be who they say they are.

