



Online Safety Newsletter

Griffin Primary School



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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 vital that you know what to do if you have any concerns about your child's or another child's online activities.

Online gaming

To mark Safer internet Day 2022, Parent Zone hosted a free and interactive 30-minute virtual event for parents—exploring everything you need to know about online gaming. The session was recorded and can be found at the following link.

[Safer Internet Day Special Event - your guide to online gaming - YouTube](#)

Reddit

Reddit is a content-sharing and discussion platform which calls itself “the front page of the internet”. It has around 52 million active daily users and consistently places in the top 20 most visited websites in the world. Concerns have been raised about the ease with which users can stumble across inappropriate or harmful content.

[What is Reddit - and what do you need to know? | Parent Zone](#)

Chat apps

Chat apps allow the user to send messages, photos, videos and documents, as well as creating large group chats.

Some apps allow users to message people they don't know, so your child could receive messages from people they don't know - most apps have settings to allow this to be changed so that they only receive messages from people they know. With your child, make sure these settings are in place and show them how to reject requests from people they don't know. [Chat apps |](#)

What is Ollee?

It's not always easy to get children to open up, and that's where Ollee comes in: to help you have those tricky conversations and to give you and your child extra support when you need it.

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative.

[Ollee – Parents' area | Parent Zone](#)

[Ollee: Welcome](#)



Online safety for families and children with SEND

The NSPCC have partnered with Ambitious about Autism to bring online safety tips, advice and activities specifically for parents and carers of children with SEND. We spoke to parents of children with a range of special educational needs such as dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties.

Letting your child go online can be intimidating; you might worry about the different spaces they explore, the people they meet digitally and the potential for things going wrong.

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