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# GRIFFIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ONLINE SAFETY

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.

### **FAKE NEWS & MISINFORMATION**

Follow the link to Internet Matters Social Media Hub. This provides many resources and guides surrounding fake news & misinformation.



### **SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS**

An influencer is somebody on social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. They share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

Some influencers choose to share content that can be misogynistic, racist or misleading for example. These can be interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check.

### **TALKIE AI APP**

This app is rated as 17+ by the App Store and 12+ by Google Play. Talkie is an AI Chatbot. Users create and interact with AI characters. Bark reviews this app and recommend that your child should not be using this app.

[Click here for the reviews](#)



### **VAULT (SECRET) APPS**

These apps are designed to look like normal apps. For example, a working calculator. However, when opened with a password, it reveals photographs, videos, documents or contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases.

[Click on the icon for more information.](#)



A comprehensive page of resources can be found on the school's website.

Click on the school logo to the left to find out what is available.