

# Online Safety Guide for Parents and Carers



We have created this leaflet to share some useful information regarding Online Safety.

Our aim is to ensure that all of our children are able to demonstrate good practice and identify potential risks when online.

If you have any questions about the information in this leaflet or queries regarding Online Safety, please speak to a member of staff in school.

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

This site provides a range of resources and advice for how to help support your child in making safe choices online. Resources are also available which cater for children from 3 –19 years of age.



The QR code links to the Parents and Carers section of the site which, among other useful information, has a page explaining how to use the safety tools on social networks, web browsers and TV on Demand services.

Though some of this information may not yet seem to be relevant to primary school aged children, statistics show that younger children are online more than ever.

**By starting discussions at a young age, parents and schools can work together to encourage and develop safe practice online.**

The sites in this leaflet are only a few suggestions. There are many great resources online and you may find some to be more useful and relevant to you and your child than others.

**Please remember: you are your child's first, best and most trusted teacher.**

## NSPCC NetAware

([www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk))

This website offers a clear breakdown of the key information parents need to know about social networking apps. This includes minimum-age recommendations and the potential risks associated with each. This site is especially helpful as it is mainly informed by parents and children.

The screenshot shows the NSPCC NetAware website with a poll titled "What's the right age for Snapchat?". The poll results are as follows:

- 13+** Snapchat says: This is taken from Snapchat's own guidelines and is accurate as of March 2016.
- 14+** Our panel says: Based on our independent panel surveyed in December 2015.
- 12+** Children say: Based on 1725 responses from children and young people we asked in December 2015.
- 13+** Parents say: Based on 3773 votes from parents who have visited this site – you can vote too!

The poll interface shows a slider set to 11+ with a "Submit my vote" button. The background features a TikTok logo and the text "TikTok is a social media platform. You can use music and effects, people's videos and interact with them." The official age rating for TikTok is 13+.



## askaboutgames

([www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com))

With many consoles now using the internet to improve gaming experiences, children can be exposed to a number of risks when playing games. This site offers simple, family-friendly advice on how to reduce these risks.

## Social Media Revolution 2022

([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com))

This video shares some interesting statistics and gives some idea of the growing influence of social media in everyday life. Scan the QR code or search the title above on YouTube.



## Thinkuknow

([thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://thinkuknow.co.uk/parents))

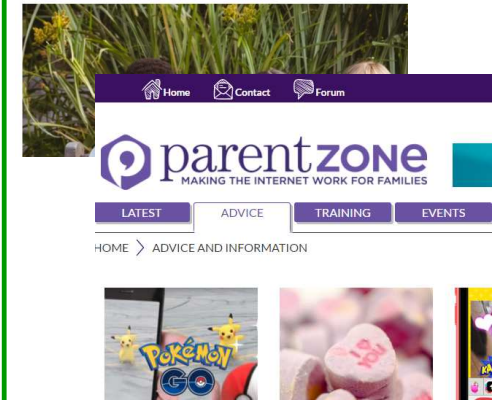
This site is often used within school to help us teach Online Safety to your children. The parent section offers clear, easy-to-follow advice on keeping your child safe online and provides guidance on what to do if you do have concerns.



## parentINFO

FROM CEOP AND PARENT ZONE

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## parentINFO and parentZONE

(<http://parentinfo.org/>)  
([parentzone.org.uk/parent-info](http://parentzone.org.uk/parent-info))

These sites are full of useful information on how to ensure your family is able to enjoy the benefits the internet can offer while staying safe online.

Topics covered include everything from how to set privacy controls on social media and games, to reviews of apps your child may be using or wanting to use.