



Online safety newsletter - Term 6

As we get closer to our summer break we want to make sure the children are continuing to use technology safely and respectfully. We know that parents are concerned that because of COVID, many outdoor summertime activities will once again be limited, resulting in their child wanting to spend more time online. We are committed to giving the children a robust digital education to help them make the right choices online. Unfortunately, this term we have had instances of children being mean to each other on social media. [Here](#) is a guide for parents to help you navigate this tricky subject.

Communicating responsibly

As children start to communicate with others through gaming or social networks there's the temptation to overshare information that could lead to incidences of cyberbullying or put them at risk of being approached by those that may wish them harm. It can also lead to children communicating with each other in a manner that is inappropriate and disrespectful. We encourage children to act responsibly when engaging with each other online.

Online Games

Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play.

For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of in-game chat and measures you can take to help protect them, watch this short video: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers](#)

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

More information?

Thinkuknow is the education programme from the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-CEOP) whose aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

For more information, advice and guidance, visit their [parent's website](#) and download their [home activity worksheets](#) for fun, online safety activities to do with your family.

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. For a breakdown of report services, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)

Talk about how their online actions affect others: If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Use 'SafeSearch': Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

Visit [Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) for more information on keeping your child safer online.