



Dear Parents

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We are aware that some Year 6 pupils are watching Youtube / memes / tik tok videos that are not age appropriate and are posting links and clips in their group chats on their phones. We will be carrying out work in school, regarding internet safety and keeping safe online. Please can you support the school by checking your child's devices, the history and the settings and have conversations with them about responsible use of the internet. Always encourage them to speak to you if they come across something worrying.

These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP - support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Parents' Guide to Age Ratings](#) explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well

Cyberbullying

If you are concerned about cyberbullying, you can find government advice on the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

Age-inappropriate content and parental controls

If you have downloaded new apps or bought new technology, remember to review and adjust privacy and safety settings if you or your child is signing up to a new online service.

- [Internet Matters has step-by-step guides](#) on how to set up parental controls so that you can control what content your child can access online
- the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has guidance on how to switch on family-friendly filters
- the [NSPCC](#) has more information for parents or carers with concerns about their child seeking inappropriate or explicit content online

Apps to help children stay safe online

The BBC has a website and app called [Own It](#). The website helps children navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

[SafeToNet](#) is an app for parents to help them protect their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, while respecting their child's rights to privacy.

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