

Get to know these apps

ParentZone has produced an easy to read guide for parents/carers on:

- Skype
- TikTok
- SnapChat
- YouTube
- WhatsApp
- Instagram



Read the brief guides and find out: Everything parents/carers need to know about these Apps and Services [here](#)

From Scomis Online Newsletter [OLS Newsletter for parents March 2021.pdf \(newzapp.co.uk\)](#)

Follow the TALK checklist to keep your child safe



- In the last year, [“self-generated” child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.
- To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign was launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. Its aim is to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to **Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.**
- This national campaign runs until June. Find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

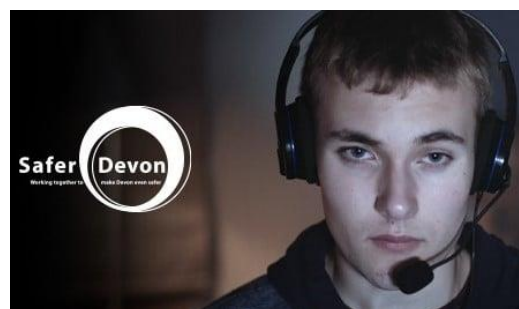
As part of the campaign, parents are encouraged to **T.A.L.K** to their children about the dangers.

- **Talk to your child** about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.
- **Agree ground rules** about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn about the platforms** and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know how to use tools**, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

Is your child at risk of radicalisation?

Radicalisation is a process by which individuals, often young people, move from supporting moderate mainstream views, to supporting extreme ideological views.

educate.against.hate



Extremist networks are using the internet to target young and vulnerable people. This is referred to as grooming.

There are a number of signs to be aware of (although a lot of them are quite common among teens). Generally, parents should look out for increased instances of:

- Being secretive about who they've been talking to online and what sites they visit
- A move from expressing moderate views to following more extreme views
- A sudden conviction that their religion, culture or beliefs are under threat and treated unjustly
- A conviction that the only solution to this threat is violence or war
- Lack of feeling of belonging or a desperate need to find acceptance within a group
- Displaying intolerant views to people of other races, religions or political beliefs

Find out more at [Educate Against Hate](#) and [Internet Matters](#)





- Mrs Courtenay is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in school.
- Mrs Yates and Mrs Gratton are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL)
- Mrs Baker is our school Governor with responsibility for safeguarding



The school's website has further information for parents to understand how we safeguard children in school and how parents can support their child/children on learning to be safe, for example:



[-NCSPA's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy](#)



[Operation Encompass- this is a national programme which runs jointly between schools and police forces](#) ensures early reporting to schools that a child/young person has been exposed to domestic abuse

Prevent

Prevent is part of the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy, [CONTEST](#). Its aim is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty on specified authorities to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

The strategy involves thousands of people – police and intelligence officers, the emergency services, local authorities, businesses, voluntary and community organisations, governments and other partners – working in together across the UK and the world to protect the public.



[NSPCC website and specifically the NSPCC PANTS campaign](#) helps children to understand

how they keep themselves safe and the PANTS campaign helps parents to talk to children in an age appropriate way about keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse.

risk of children/young people being abused and exploited- how to keep children safe

***child abuse can take a range of different forms.** It is any action by another person (adult or child) that causes harm to a child. It can be defined as physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect.

***risk of harm to children/young people is also present in the community**, for example: online safety, cyberbullying, domestic violence and abuse, radicalisation and extremism, child trafficking and modern slavery, County Lines, female genital mutilation, gang activity

***teaching children/young people about how to look after themselves and keep safe-** good physical, emotional and mental health and well-being; being aware of signs and symptoms that may indicate concern for a child; providing time to listen and talk, teaching children about how to keep themselves safe

Devon -

- **Devon Children and Families Partnership has online information for schools and parents** to understand how children may be abused, at risk of exploitation and how we can keep children safe <https://www.dcfp.org.uk/child-abuse/>
- **National organisations to support children**; for example, Childline, NSPCC



Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Children can speak to a counsellor by calling **0800 1111** or via **1-2-1 chat** between 7.30am and 3.30am every day.

Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on 0800 1111, talk to a counsellor online, send Childline an email or post on the message boards.

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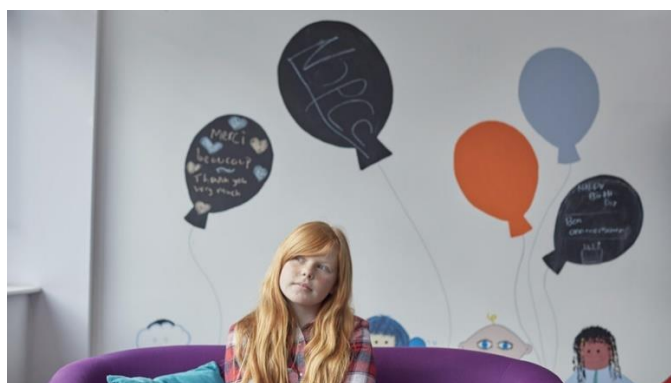


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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

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