Online Gaming Support

There is a great deal of advice and guidance available for parents about Online Gaming. Knowing where to start looking can be a challenge! The following websites have lots of information, summarised as follows:

Childnet—Online Gaming; an introduction for parents and carers includes advice on: • How and where to play safely • The risks • Frequently asked questions • Support and information

ThinkUKnow—Gaming: what parents and carers need to know includes advice on: • 3 ways to make gaming safer for your child • how risky is in-game chat? • how to tell what is an age appropriate game • In App purchases

Parentzone—Gaming: a parent's guide | Parent Zone includes advice on: • the links between gaming and gambling • what you need to know about gaming communities • top tips on helping your child play games safely • inappropriate content • how much time is too much time?

Internet Matters—Online Gaming | Resources for Parents - Internet Matters includes advice on: • setting parental controls on games and consoles • gaming guides for parents • gaming guides for children • gaming books

Family Lives—Gaming | Family Lives includes advice on: • talking to your child about gaming • keeping teens safe • setting boundaries watch the video on Pros and cons of social media: top tips to help parents of teens

NSPCC— Online Games: understand the risks and get advice to help children play online games safely Find out more about: • age ratings of games they play • messaging and contact functions on the games • trolling, griefing and scams • how to report problems

Young Minds—Gaming:A guide for parents includes: • how gaming may affect mental health • what to do if you are worried • finding professional help • further support

South West Grid for Learning—Online Safety and Gaming Includes articles on: • what is gaming? • benefits of gaming • why people game • the gaming community • basic privacy and security settings

Review the Gaming Dictionary and discover the meaning of: FPS, CCG, MMO and much more.

OLS-Newsletter-for-parents-Feb-2022.pdf (newzapp.co.uk)

Do you know what your kids do online?

Children are inquisitive and with access to the internet, their momentary lapse of judgment can result in seeing things that leave lasting damage. It is important to know how to stay safe online. Our school internet filtering and monitoring keeps records of search terms and has prevented children from accessing inappropriate content. For support on setting filters and controls at home visit Internet Matters.

Draft Online Safety Bill

What is it?
The three things the bill sets out to do are:
 • prevent the spread of illegal content and activity such as images of child abuse, terrorist material and hate crimes, including racist abuse
 • protect children from harmful material
 • protect adults from legal - but harmful - content
The NSPCC, has signed an open letter to Nadine Dorries, asking her to put children "at the heart" of the bill to:
• disrupt grooming pathways
• tackle how offenders use social media to organise abuse
• have a named manager responsible for children's safety
• give more powers to combat abuse in private messaging
• set up a statutory body to represent the interests of children

There is a long while to go before the new rules come into effect. For more information about the bill and what to expect, check out this article from internet matters.
Online Safety Bill: what parents and carers can expect | Internet Matters

Newport Safeguarding Team

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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.

www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC

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

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

0808 800 5000

NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC

The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover. Text CHILDHOOD to 70044 to donate £4.

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