

## Safeguarding Snapshot – 11.12.23

With the excitement of Christmas looming and technology gifts high on wish lists, it has never been more important to make sure children can navigate the internet safely. As children receive their new games and gadgets in their stockings, we urge our parents and carers to consider the risks of the online world and ensure age appropriate parameters are in place.

The online world is an exciting resource which gives children and young people the opportunities to safely play, learn, be creative and socialise. But do our young people fully understand what it means to be safe online?

Below we have listed some resources and tips to help you navigate this at home with your young people. If you need any further advice or assistance please contact the Safe Team via the main reception.

### ***Tips to help manage what they see and do online***

- *Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.*
- *Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.*
- *App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.*
- *Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.*

### **Other Resources**

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/news/keep-your-child-safe-online-this-christmas/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>