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COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

ONLINE SAFETY

Tips for parents and carers to support their child in staying safe online

Here are some key steps to help you Safeguard your child(ren) when they are online:

- Ensure that you minimise the risks of accessing dangerous or inappropriate content by setting effective **parental controls** on all internet-enables devices. Follow this link for guidance on how to do this: https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

- In today's modern world, children often have access to multiple internet-enabled devices but an effective way of monitoring your child's online activity is limiting the amount of devices which are internet-enabled and having these in **a central, open and 'family' location** so that you can monitor their activity

- Explain to your children that they must **prioritise safety** - especially the **importance of privacy**. They should not share personal information online (such as name, address, telephone number or which school they attend)

- Make time regularly to **review the search and internet history** of your child's device to ensure that the content they are accessing is appropriate and to check that your parental controls are still highly effective and up-to-date

- Spend time **discussing and talking about your child's online activity**; find out about their favourite videos, websites and content

- Maintain boundaries by setting **time limits for screen time** and encourage family time to talk, play games, be active, etc.

As a parent or carer, you can download a useful toolkit, resource sheet and family agreement sheet for online activity which has been produced by Childnet using the following link: https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit

In addition, you can access Childnet's Parent and Carer hub using the following link: https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

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