



# ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

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## Parents' Guide:

### Let's talk about life online

As a parent or carer, the best tool to support your child in leading a happy and safe life online is to have regular and open conversations. The Parents' Guide, created by Childnet International, gives practical advice on how to begin such conversations, how to work together as a family to support your child online, and how to handle difficult discussions or situations. Each section has examples of questions to use to start a discussion around safe and positive internet use, and key messages to share with your child.

Childnet International | Let's talk about life online

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## Parent Zone: Parent Resources

Parent Zone offers advice and support to parents and carers to help children be safer online, develop resilience to cope with online challenges and help educate them for their digital futures.

There is a specific parent area of the website where tips and information from experts about parenting in the digital world can be found. The top articles include:

- The six apps and services that every parent should know about. A guide for parents to some of the most popular apps children use online.
- Screen time: everything you need to know
- Low mood - or something else

Parent Zone | Top articles about digital parenting

There is also a comprehensive parental guide section which gives information and safety advice on many popular games and apps including; Fortnite, Disney+, Clash of Clans and Roblox.

Parent Zone | Parent Guides

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## What to do if your child sees something inappropriate online:

It is not always possible to prevent children seeing something inappropriate online.

Sometimes innocent searches can result in children viewing inappropriate content.

O2 and NSPCC have put together a series of suggestions for parents to follow if their child has seen something that upsets or confuses them.

NetAware | What to do if your child sees something inappropriate online

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**NSPCC**

## What parents and carers need to know about WhatsApp:

(16+ age rating)

National Online Safety have produced a useful guide for parents/carers on the popular messaging service, WhatsApp. The guide has tips on a number of potential risks when using the site such as stranger danger, live location sharing and disappearing messages.

Read their advice:

NOS | What Parents Need to Know About WhatsApp

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