

Internet Safety - Government Guidance

An essential part of our home learning process is ensuring that children who are being asked to work online know when and how to raise concerns whilst online. As part of our internet safety lessons, the children are introduced and reminded about important organisations that are there to protect them when they are accessing the internet. We believe that it is vital that these conversations are reiterated at home, particularly now in this time of learning from home and that conversations can be had to reinforce the importance of staying safe online.

Should you child encounter something distressing online while studying at home, we advise you or your child to seek age-appropriate support from the following organisations:

[Childline](#) – for support

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) – to report and remove harmful online content

[CEOP](#) – for advice on making a report about online abuse

It is important that parents, carers and children are aware of what they are being asked to do online, including the sites that they will be asked to access such as MyMaths and TTRockstars.

As parents, you may choose to supplement the internet safety information shared by the School with support from online companies, and in some cases individual tutors. These can include:

[Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Internet matters parental controls](#) - A really useful tool to look up parental controls for devices and services in your household

[London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC

[Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Keeping a healthy dialogue with children about their online activity and a degree of monitoring, especially on messaging sites, and setting clear boundaries is the best way of keeping them safe.

Minimum age requirements for apps:

WhatsApp - **16**

TikTok - **13**

Facebook - **13**

Snapchat - **13**

Instagram - **13**

Skype - **13**