ONLINE SAFETY

Parent information

STATISTICS





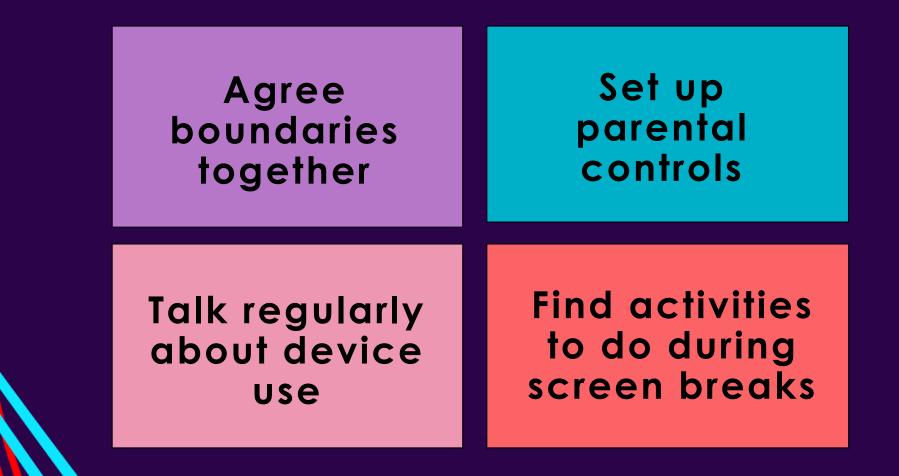


5-7 year olds with a smartphone

8-10 year olds use social media regardless of age restrictions 8-17 year olds regularly play online games with people they do not know



4 TIPS FOR MANAGING THE ONLINE WORLD



SCREEN TIME

Screen time before bed disrupts children's sleep-wake cycle.

• Light sensitivity greatly affects the production of sleep-inducing melatonin.

 Excessive screen time can lead to difficulties in staying asleep and lack of focus during the day.



CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE LIVES CAN BE AS EFFECTIVE AS ANY PARENTAL CONTROLS



Talk early and often



Choose the right time



Listen more than talk but share too



Create a safe space

WHAT TO TALK ABOUT

It's never too early to start talking to your child about safe behaviours whether offline or online. Knowing what to ask can be tricky. Here are some useful websites to get a conversation started:





netsafe

- 'How does this game work? Can I play?'
- 'Do you have any online friends?'
- 'Do you know where to go for help if something upsets you online?' (remind them of you, or CEOP, or Childline, or a teacher)
- 'What happens to what we say or send when we post it online?'

PARENTAL CONTROLS







Smartphones

Games consoles

Popular apps

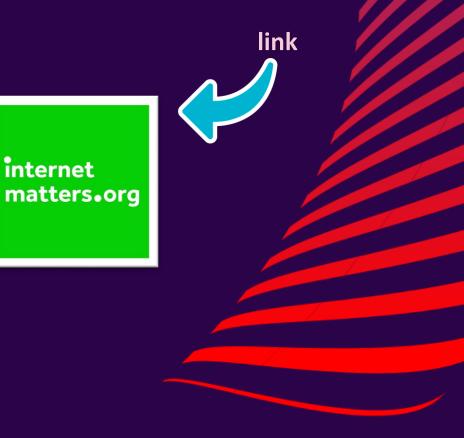
Manage broadband parental controls





SMARTPHONES

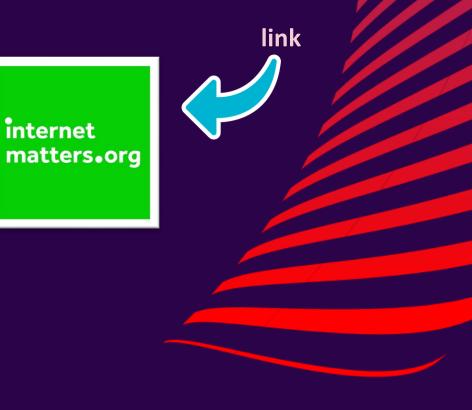
- Set screen time
- Prevent App Store purchases
- Prevent explicit content
- Turn off tracking
- Restrict Game Centre (restrictions on adding 'friends')





GAME CONSOLES

- Manage spending limits in store
- Restrict communication
- Restrict content
- Manage screen time
- Setting age restrictions
- Block users

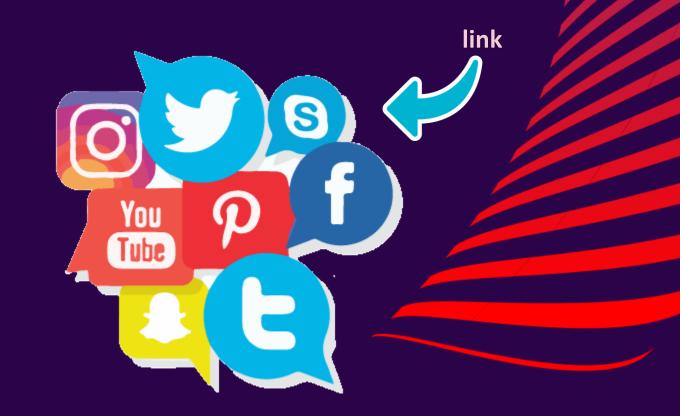




Some apps allow for:

- blocking unwanted content
- turning off locations
- restricting profile visibility
- Family pairing/linking to a parent account
- Restricting invites to group chats
- Monitoring of YouTube activity

POPULAR APPS







PEER PRESSURE

"My friends have a phone... why can't I?!"

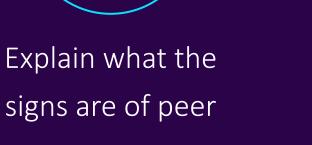
"Everyone else in my class has a TikTok account..."

NOW



"It's just banter. We all do it."

TIPS FOR TACKLING PEER PRESSURE



pressure



Encourage them to challenge what feels wrong (call it out)

Discuss routes of support



Share own experiences

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OR THE WAY SOMEONE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATING ONLINE?

CEOP

REPORT YOUR CONCERNS TO A CEOP CHILD PROTECTION ADVISOR

THANK YOU

