KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE ON DESKTOP or MOBILE DEVICES

EDUCATING YOUR CHILD

This is the most important thing you can do as a parent.

- **Keep yourself informed**
- **Speak to your child about their use of the Internet**
- **Help them to find suitable sites, games and apps for schoolwork and play**
- **Set some ground rules about what they can do online**
- **Ensure they know how to deal with any difficulties they might come across**

ZIP IT
Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.

BLOCK IT
Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.

FLAG IT
Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Think U Know Resources https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
This site aims to make online parenting simple, facts for you as a parent and a wealth of video resources to share with your child.

Childnet http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
Whether you're puzzled by parental controls or would like to know more about gaming, this section can help.

BBC Stay Safe http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe
Great advice, videos and games about online behaviour to explore with your child from familiar BBC programmes and presenters: Tracey Beaker, Horrible Histories and more.

Common Sense Media www.commonsensemedia.org/
Family friendly ratings and reviews on movies, TV, games, music, websites, and books. Includes ratings of potentially offensive content by category.

Connect Safely http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/

By parents, for parents: A growing selection of short, clearly written guides that demystify apps, services and platforms popular with kids and teenagers, eg Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook. Also guides to online security and cyberbullying, (US site)

BLOCKING, FILTERING and RESTRICTIONS

School computer systems are designed to protect your child from risks by blocking children's access to unsuitable websites and supervising computer use in the classroom. However no block, filter or parental control tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other's behaviour. Here are some steps you may wish to take to protect them on your family equipment and devices. But remember that your child can access the internet elsewhere and on other devices : at friend's houses, wifi in hotspots, and good education and knowledge about the risks are still vitally important.

N.B A quick web search for "how to get round parental controls on the Internet" brings back about 18 million results!

FILTERING and PARENTAL CONTROLS
http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls
The 4 big internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls. Here you can find helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.   There are also details on YouTube Safety Mode, Google SafeSearch, 4OD Parental Control, BBC iPlayer Parental Guidance Lock, ITV Player PIN number protection and Sky Go Parental Controls. It will also point you in the direction of controls on gaming devices.

ON AN iPAD/iPHONE USING BUILT IN RESTRICTION SETTINGS Restrictions allows you to choose
age appropriate content, turn off Safari and YouTube, disable App purchases and In-App purchases etc

DOWNLOADABLE SAFE BROWSERS ON DESKTOPS

http://www.kidzui.com/ kid friendly YouTube videos and Games (Windows)

http://kidoz.net/ for Windows

ON TABLETS AND SMARTPHONES
There are numerous options available to you for safe browsing on your tablets rather than Safari or Chrome etc which can be disabled in your restrictions.

Mc Gruff http://www.gomcgruff.com/browser/iPhone-iPad-Child-Safe-Browser.htm (iOS only)
Olly Browser (free) http://ollybrowser.com/ (iOS only)
Mobicip http://www.mobicip.com/products Device Management & Monitoring (iOs and Android)
Famigo Sandbox http://www.famigo.com/sandbox/   (Android)
Kids Place https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kiddoware.kidsplace (Android)

Parental Controls and Free Time app (Kindle Fire) – see Kindle Store for details

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