



Knavesmire Primary School E-Safety Newsletter Updates - Autumn 1

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This is the first e-safety newsletter of the academic year of 2023-2024. Each half-term, we share an e-safety newsletter with you to provide support and guidance on keeping your child/children safe online. Each newsletter will have a different E-Safety focus.

Live Streaming

What is it?

Live streaming technology allows viewers to watch, create and share videos in real time. An individual can broadcast a video over the internet. Viewers can watch live streams, of videos that are broadcast over the internet, from any device that is connected to the internet.

Who is watching a livestream?

Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3-17 year olds have watched live streams. The most commonly used platform to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research revealed that the percentage of viewers watching content on live streaming applications/ websites increased by age. This is reported in [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022](#).

What are the risks?

There are a number of risks associated with watching live streams. For example, your child may see or hear something that would be considered as inappropriate or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can I help my child?

You can help your child to stay safe online by following a number of suggestions:

- Ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Show an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/ blocking tools on the application that they are using. In addition, ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Useful websites:

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Please also see our E-Safety page, on the school website, which highlights our E-Safety policy.