



## Knavesmire Primary School E-Safety Newsletter Updates - Summer 2, 2023

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This is the sixth e-safety newsletter of the academic year of 2022-2023. Each half-term, we share an e-safety newsletter with you to provide support and guidance on keeping your child/children safe online.



There is so much online that many parents/ carers would not want their child or children to view. To make a child's online world safer, it is recommended to switch on **safe searching settings** for the search engine (e.g. *Google* or *Yahoo!*) your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' safesearch on (so users may be able to simply turn it off), it would be highly advisable to apply further parental controls.

For some search engines, for example *Google*, you can set up a family management account, which will ensure that safesearch settings cannot be switched off. It is recommended to use a family management account (either *Google* or *Microsoft*) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided.

In addition, ensure appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) are applied to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Remember, no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe therefore it is important that your child can stay safe online by being able to talk to you, as their parent or carer, or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what to do if your child sees something inappropriate online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/>

### Moving up to Secondary School?

*Ofcom's* 2022 research into technology use across the UK has shown that nearly all 13 – 15-year-olds (98%) have their own phone. For most of these young people, they were given their phones around the start of secondary school, between the ages of 9 and 11 (91%).

If you are considering getting your child their first phone, there are lots of factors to consider. There are a number of resources, listed below, which provide more guidance:

- ★ *Childnet's* 'First Phone Checklist' (a great, easy to understand resource that takes you through the process of setting a phone up and supporting your child).
- ★ *Childnet's* 'Moving on Up!' (videos to spark conversations around new devices, digital wellbeing and online bullying).
- ★ *The Mix* is a leading support service in the UK for young people and offers free and practical advice on wide ranging issues. The article on 'How to Avoid Online Scams' helps young people understand what to watch out for and actions to take to hopefully avoid being scammed online.