Welcome to the May 2024 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Access to advice and help

The half-term break is almost here! This issue of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter signposts parents and carers to organisations specialising in educating children and young people in Online Safety issues.

Age Ratings and features of Social Media Apps are available from the **NSPCC** website, click on the links below:

Facebook   Instagram   TikTok   Wink

Visit the NSPCC's website and:

find out how to **Talk to your child about Online Safety**

play the **NSPCC Online Safety Quiz**

get advice on how to **Set up parental controls**

find out more about **Livestreaming Platforms** such as

Twitch   Omegle   Clash   Bigo   Monkey

Access the NSPCC's guides on:

Reporting Online Safety Concerns

Online Safety Guides

Resources for children with SEND

Internet Connected Devices

- smart speakers, such as Google Home and Amazon Echo
- wearables, such as Fitbit and Apple Watch
- smart meters measuring household energy consumption
- toys with voice or image recognition, eg. Hello Barbie™ and Furby Connect
- robots, drones and other mechanical toys, controlled via an app, such as Dash and Dot
- smart TVs
- smart doorbells

Visit the South West Grid for Learning's website **(SWGfL)** to access and download Social Media Guides to help set up profiles for:

Social Media Checklists

Facebook Checklist   Twitter Checklist   Instagram Checklist   Snapchat Checklist

Roblox Checklist   TikTok Checklist   Netflix Checklist   Yubo Checklist

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Childnet.com Help, advice and resources for parents/carers including:

In-depth information and key advice on **Social media**

how to identify **Online bullying** with key advice on how to deal with **Online bullying**

information and guidance for 4-11 year olds

• What to do if someone is mean to your child online

• How much time should you spend online

Help and advice for 11-18 year olds

• Gaming

• Social media

• Fake news

• Video Calls

Parent's and carers Toolkit

3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online.

- Parent and Carers Guide
- Resource Sheet
- Family agreement

Download the toolkit **here**

Children's Media Use and Attitudes report 2024

Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report. Published 19 April 2024. Welsh language summary available

- 24% 5-7yr olds own a smartphone
- 76% 5-7yr olds own a tablet
- 74% 8-17yr olds playing games online
- Only a third of parents know the minimum age requirements for most social media platforms is 13 years
- 33% 8-11yr olds are likely to have used Artificial Intelligence **(AI)**

Published on April 19th 2024, this report looks at media use, attitudes and understanding among children and young people aged 3-17, includes findings on parents' views about their children's media use, and how parents of children and young people aged 3-17 monitor and manage their children's use of media.

Ofcom's two reports looking at children's media habits and attitudes across the UK in 2023/25 now published:

Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2024

Key findings of surveys and findings.

Children's media lives

Longitudinal study involving interviews and observations.

A window into young children's online worlds

Read Ofcom's News Story

Don't forget! Support for Grandparents

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** *has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety. The guidance includes:*

- how to respond if something goes wrong
- How to talk to your grandchild about their online life?
- Where to go for help or to report something worrying or inappropriate?   Find out more **here**

Wink

CommonSense Media's *review:*

Recommended Age 17+ but there is no age-verification process!

Encourages users to check in on the app daily and to share friends' contact information.

Enables users to make new friends on Snapchat.

There is no verification process between Wink and Snapchat

CommonSense Media's review states this app is a poor choice for kids. Read Wink's **privacy policy** for details on how information is collected, used, and shared.

***Read CommonSense Media's review in full* here**

Where to get help

Visit the **UK Safer Internet Centre's** website to access details and links for a number of organisations that can help with:

- Reporting Criminal Content Online and much more!

Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from:
NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5002
Childline: 0800 1111

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