

# Online Safety is about Behaving Appropriately

## Top Tips for Parents / Carers

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1. Get involved with your child. Install and use the same Devices, Apps, Social media and Games. Get them to show you.

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2. Always stick to the age guidelines & restrictions placed on the App, Social Media and online Games.

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3. Keep checking on your child's online contacts / friends. Plus check the requests and notifications received by your child.

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4. Be part of your child's closed Group. Games and messaging services (Fortnite, TikTok, WhatsApp, WeChat etc) allow for closed groups to be formed.

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5. It's a good idea for you and your children to cover their web cam up when not in use.

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6. Don't use File Sharing Systems (eg Putlocker – 123 Movies – Solar Movie) or stream films from Google – There is a higher possibility of viruses.

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7. Use Apples 'Family Sharing' on iPhones & iPads & Google Family Link on Android phones and tablets to monitor and prevent your child's independent App downloads.

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8. Switch off GPS & Location Services on all devices when not needed and only use when required.

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9. If necessary, use your modem and internet account to restrict Internet connectivity for your child's device – The Internet is a Privilege not a Right.

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10. Make sure your young adult uses Social Media positively and at 14 uses 'Blogging' 'Twitter' & 'LinkedIn', to create an Online Brand to be proud of for their future.



### REMEMBER

Don't Share Personal Information - 'Keep Your Secrets -SECRET'

Be Kind Online - 'As you would be in school'

Selfies/Pictures - The Impact - 'Ask Permission'

Don't Ignore Age Restrictions (Games Apps Social Media)