



Online Safety Newsletter

December 2021

Being able to send messages and talk to other people is an important part of modern life. We just need to educate children how to do it safely.



Top Tips for Mobile Phone Safety

1. Remember if you are being bullied it isn't your fault and there is nothing so awful that you can't speak to someone about it. Talk to a trusted adult at home or at school.
2. Don't reply to any nasty messages you receive.
3. Don't reply to a text from someone you don't know.
4. Keep the messages you have been sent so you can show them to a trusted adult and make a note of the time and date of the messages or calls you receive.
5. Don't answer calls from withheld numbers or numbers you don't recognise, let it go to voicemail.
6. Block numbers from people who are sending you nasty messages.
7. If you are bullied repeatedly you can change your number.
8. Don't give your mobile number to someone you don't know.
9. Don't send pictures to someone you don't know.
10. If the problem is serious you can report it to the police, cyber mentors, or childline.

Beware of the Dangers in Games

Fall Guys- Ultimate Knockout flings hordes of contestants together online in a mad dash through round after round of escalating chaos until one victor remains!



Safety Tips to Consider

- There is no text chat or voice chat however children could use a 'party' on their device as a way of communicating to other gamers
- Make sure your child always uses their device in an open space where an adult can oversee what is happening
- Discuss that there is no such thing as an online friend
- Use protection settings, such as time limitations, or only allow social media usage with parental guidance
- Talk to your children about the risks of disclosing personal data

Roblox-Roblox is an online game and app where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. Roblox allows users to chat to other gamers.

Safety Tips to Consider

- Check privacy settings are being used
- Make sure your child always uses their device in a room whereby adults are present
- Discuss that there is no such thing as an online friend
- Use protection settings, such as time limitations
- Remind them about not sharing personal information

Our Digital Leaders Say:

- **Use a safe search engine like 'kiddle'**
- **Use Youtube Kids**
- **Use safe websites for kids**
- **Make sure you have your parents permission before you go online**

Useful Websites to visit

- <https://www.kidsonlineworld.com/latest-news.html>
- <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/screen-time-everything-you-need-to-know>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Remember the more you know- the better!