

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

Over 65% of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online.

Checklist

Put yourself in control
Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

Search safely
Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safetycentre.

Agree boundaries
Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.



Learn about it:

- Teach your child some simple rules
- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Meetchi Monsters or Club Penguin
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- Use Public Friendly WiFi when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources

Talk about it:

- Tips for a meaningful conversation
- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be supportive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue stay calm and listen without judging them
- Include online grooming as you would a chat, drink and explain that people who meet online might not be who they say they are
- Ask them about what's online which might make them uncomfortable



Deal with it

You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report it page of internetmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child; such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Stay safe at secondary school
Exposure to some of these issues increases when children move up to secondary school so make sure your child is prepared - find out more with our primary to secondary guide at internetmatters.org/primaryto1013

