

Welcome to the first Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for 2016/17



For Parents:

Welcome to the first Online Safety section for Parents and Carers for 2016/17

Each half-term Scomis will publish an Online Safety newsletter for schools which will include information aimed specifically at parents and carers. We know that parents and carers are concerned about their children's safety 'Online', i.e. what to do about it and where to find help and information. Our parents section will signpost parents and carers to useful websites providing sound advice, identify latest 'trends' and emerging technologies.

Safer Internet Day 2016 Impact Report published.



Extract from the 'Populus survey' identified Safer Internet Day 2016 reached:

40% of UK Children (2 in 5 children)

20% of UK Parents (1 in 5 parents)

Double the reach of the 2014 campaign!

Read the report in full:

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/safer-internet-day-2016-impact-report-published>

Date for your diary = Safer Internet Day February Tuesday 7th February 2017



Parental Controls

Major Internet Service Providers and mobile operators **DO** have 'Parental Controls' Set-Up Guides.

Children with their own smartphone will be able to access the Internet through their mobile network and on public WiFi. Setting up filters to help prevent access to inappropriate content can be less complicated and faster than parents think.

<http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>

Do you have a Smart TV?

Have you:

- taken additional steps to safeguard your TV, secured your Internet connection and minimized the risk of unauthorised access?

Check Getsafeonline website for advice:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/smart-tvs/>



The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) 'Parent's Guide to Technology' has lots of helpful information for parents about smartphones, tablets and gaming devices. Download their guide:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-to-technology>



Designed specifically for parents internetmatters.org website offers a wealth of up-to-date unbiased information and advice. Visit their site and review their 'Back to School Online Safety Guide':

<https://www.internetmatters.org/back-to-school-2016/>

Social networks and apps

- Do you have concerns about the social networks and apps your child/children use?
- Do you know which social networks and apps your child/children use?

NSPCC and O2 staff and customers have reviewed 50 of the most popular social networks and apps used by children and young people:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Have you heard of :

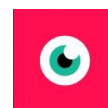
GroupMe – Share unlimited content, watch for unfiltered Internet. Users can also send photos, videos and calendar links.

Recommended Age 15+



Live.ly – Allows users to broadcast live video to online friends.

Recommended Age 17+



Reviews from:

<https://www.commonssensemedia.org>

At the heart of everything we do is joined up thinking.

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