



Welcome to our December newsletter all about E-Safety! We know the children have been working extremely hard at school and will have a well deserved break over the Christmas holidays! Some children may get a new mobile phone, games console or other device that has the potential to connect to the internet. We know you will join us in wanting to keep them safe! Below are some useful QR codes, download the 'QR reader' app to access them.

How can you protect your child this Christmas after they unwrap their digital gifts?

New digital devices will bring lots of entertainment, enjoyment and provide opportunities for learning new skills. However they can pose a number of dangers. Follow the National Online Safety's top tips for parents/carers:

- Buying Gifts
- Security
- Passwords
- Setting up parental controls
- Check age restrictions
- Be a role model
- Set boundaries



Scan the QR code to find out more information!

Do you know how to set up parental controls on gaming devices?

Scan the QR Code and scroll down for downloadable parental guides for:

- Nintendo
- Playstation PS4 and PS Vita
- Playstation 3 and PSP
- Xbox 360, Xbox Live and Xbox One



Many parents/carers are unsure about how to set up parental controls. Scan the QR code for step by step guides for the following devices:

- Smart phones and other devices (including smart speakers such as Amazon Echo)
- Entertainment and search engines - Google, YouTube, ITV, Sky Go, BBC iPlayer, Netflix etc.
- Broadband and Mobile networks - BT, O2, PlusNet, Sky Broadband, Virgin Mobile, Talk Talk etc.
- Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and WhatsApp.



Useful websites and information:

- <https://www.childnet.com/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>



National Online Safety have also released some suggested apps/games for both Early Years and 7-11 year olds. Please note that some of these suggested apps have in-app purchases or are paid for but many are free. Some suggested apps/games are for learning and others are 'just for fun'. This will hopefully give you some new ideas for trusted apps to download and enjoy.



Early Years



7-11 Year Olds



Stay safe this Christmas!

