

Useful resources and links

BBC <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

The BBC have put together a really useful collection of help, support and advice to support you and your child to ensure their time online is safe, secure and happy.

British Board of Film Classification <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/>

The BBFC is here to help parents and carers choose age appropriate films, videos and websites. Using the age ratings can help you and your family choose what is right for you and avoid what is not.

Childnet <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers> and

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/keeping-young-children-safe-online/>

Childnet International (a registered UK charity) works directly with children and young people from the ages of 3-18, as well as parents, carers, teachers and professionals. The website is full of advice and resources.

CEOP <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is part of the National Crime Agency and their website can be used to report if you are worried about online abuse or the way someone is communicating online.

Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

We understand that navigating online safety for children can feel overwhelming. To help you begin, Internet Matters has created the ABC Online Safety Checklist as a simple and effective starting point.

NSCOP <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

The NSPCC acknowledges the incredible opportunities the internet provides for children to play, learn, create, and connect. However, with the constant evolution of the digital world, ensuring your child's safety online can be challenging. The NSPCC offers tools and guidance to support you, regardless of your level of expertise, in keeping your child safe online.

Report Harmful Content <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/advice/>

The Report Harmful Content website is a platform designed to help users report and address harmful or inappropriate material encountered online. It focuses on content that may not break the law but still violates the terms and conditions of various online platforms. It provides clear

steps for reporting the content to the appropriate online platforms and offers additional support if users are unsure how to proceed or if their initial report is not taken seriously by the platform.

UK Safer Internet Centre <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

As a parent or carer, you play a crucial role in ensuring your child's online safety. You don't need to be an internet expert to help. The UK Safer Internet Centre provides tips, guides, and resources designed to support you in guiding your child to use the internet safely, responsibly, and positively.

A guide to apps and social media

The number and variety of apps and social media options could be using grows all the time, as does the app's functionality. At Hallgate Primary School we have found these guides from The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) a useful starting point for checking you know what they do, how you can limit their features as well as recommended age restrictions.

We would also recommend you visit Net Aware to read the latest and most current advice on over 70 apps.