

Online Safety
Information
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What does your child love doing online?
What services and devices do they use?



Google



ROBLOX



Pottermore
from J.K. Rowling



FORTNITE



YouTube

NETFLIX

The online world can be exciting and inspiring. It has lots of opportunities to offer young people. However it is important to manage and minimise the associated risks.

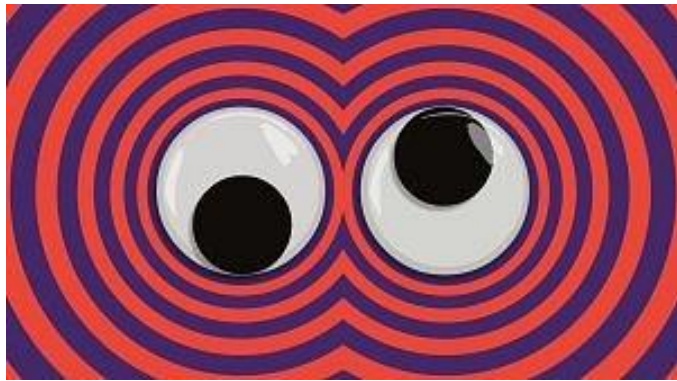
Lets Chat!

What do your children like to do online?

What is online safety?

The internet's a fantastic place. To find our information, to connect and have fun. But some websites, apps, games and videos aren't suitable for young people.

See



Meet



Behave



- It's about risk; it's about being aware of the possible threats that online activity can bring, and how to deal with them

What are some of the risks children face online?

- **Grooming**
- **Cyber-bullying**
- **Accessing inappropriate websites & materials**
- **Losing control over the images and videos they post**
- **Viruses**
- **Addiction to online gaming and computing**





Whisper - Many children are drawn to communicating with strangers, feeling that their secrets are safer with them than with their friends



ChatRoulette and Omegle- These apps allow you to video chat with strangers.



Poof – Hides other apps on your phone. You select which apps you would like to hide and their icons will no longer show up on your smartphone screen.



Huggle Huggle allows you to discover and connect with others who frequent the same places as you and start chatting...



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Ghost Apps

What exactly are these ‘ghost apps’?

A search for “photo vault” apps on both Apple’s App Store and Google’s Play Store reveals dozens of listings

The majority of them are disguised as simple calculator apps; however, once they are opened, users can type in a passcode that reveals a private stash of photos and videos.

Many of the apps boast “discreet icons” in their app store descriptions – some are even designed to look like Apple’s built-in calculator app.



YouTube remains a firm favourite among children. 5- to 15-year-olds are more likely to pick YouTube as their platform of choice over on-demand services such as Netflix, or TV channels including the BBC and ITV.

Whisper

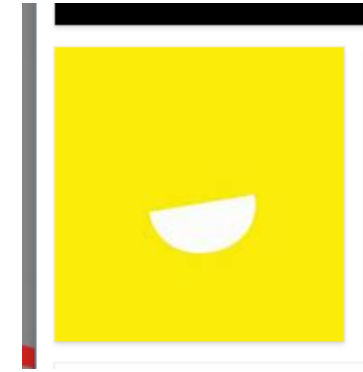


an app built specifically for spreading rumors and secrets, lets users post pictures and text anonymously.

Whisper could potentially be a good outlet for teens, as anonymous confessions can help people unburden themselves.

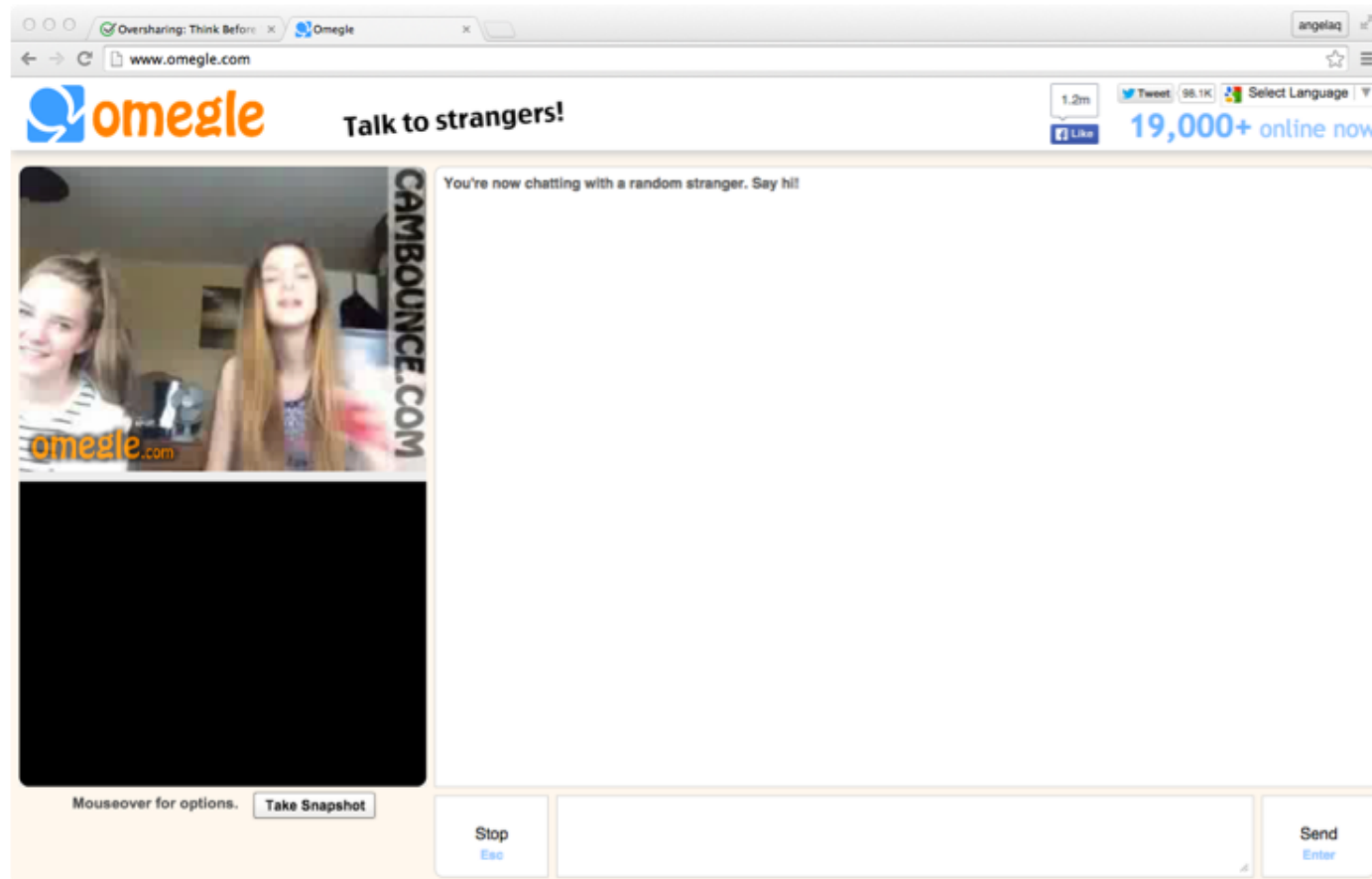
Whisper shares your location
lots of cyberbullying,
explicit sexual content

Yubo, formerly Yellow, is a social media app encouraging teens to find new friends by allowing them to swipe left or right to connect and live stream.



Omegele - Talk to Strangers

<http://www.omegle.com>





Tik Tok

TikTok

TikTok's Family Pairing Feature

Earlier this year This feature lets parents link their TikTok account to their family members to enable a variety of new content and privacy settings.

It can allow parents to guide their child's experience of:

- **Searching:** You can decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds
- **Screen Time Management:** Sets how long you want your child to spend on TikTok each day
- **Restricted Mode:** You can limit the content that may be inappropriate in the feed
- **Comments:** You can decide who can comment on videos (everyone, friends, no one)
- **Discoverability:** You can decide on whether the account is private or public
- **Liked Videos:** You can decide whether others can see the list of videos your child has liked
- **Direct Messages:** Turns off direct messaging.

• <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/safety-videos?lang=en>



Social Media Checklists



Co-financed by the European Union
Connecting Europe Facility

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/>

- This link provides some great guides to help you set up settings for different apps your children might be using!



Current laws on content/sharing

- By creating, sending or possessing indecent pictures of a person under 18 is **breaking the law**

(Protection of Children Act 1978 / Criminal Justice Act 1988)

** However.. The police are not out to prosecute. A child needs to be 10 years of age in order to be prosecuted.*

SEXING

GAMES

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/>

PEGI rating

Girl gamers are on the increase. Almost half of girls aged 5-15 now play games online – up from 39% in 2018.



Gaming addiction – now classified a disorder

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Gaming addiction classified as disorder by WHO

By Jane Wakefield
Technology reporter

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According to an Oxford University study, boys are more likely to spend time gaming than girls

- Children hooked on addictive video games like Fortnite will be able to seek treatment on the NHS, after video gaming is classified as a medical disorder by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The move comes amid increasing evidence of young players suffering psychological distress and family breakdown as a result of their addiction.



Fortnite is an online shooter that starts with 100 players and leaves one winner standing. Battle Royale sees 100 players parachute onto an island, and the last player alive wins. Each game lasts about 20 minutes – [epicgames.com](https://www.epicgames.com)



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Fortnite and other video games risk 'damaging' children's lives, Culture Secretary warns



Save 32



An image from the video game Fortnite

National Crime Agency...has warned Fortnite is putting children at risk from online paedophiles due to the chat facility. Although the game itself seems pretty harmless, players can talk and type whatever they want to each other, and bad language is rampant.

March 2018, a mother from Merseyside told how she intervened when her 12-year-old son was offered £50 to perform "sex acts" while playing the game by a man grooming him online.



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Potential online risks to children

Biggest danger is not knowing

- Know how to set up privacy settings on the apps that your children are using
- Have dialogs with children about why do they like a particular website.
- Find out if they are talking to someone online they don't know.
- Know how to check the internet history of your computer
- Set boundaries and rules

- 40% of boys/57% of girls have been asked to undress on a webcam

- 1 in 3 boys and 1 in 4 girls did.

Changing in technology!

It doesn't matter what website or app students use the fundamental rules of keeping safe while online remains the same!

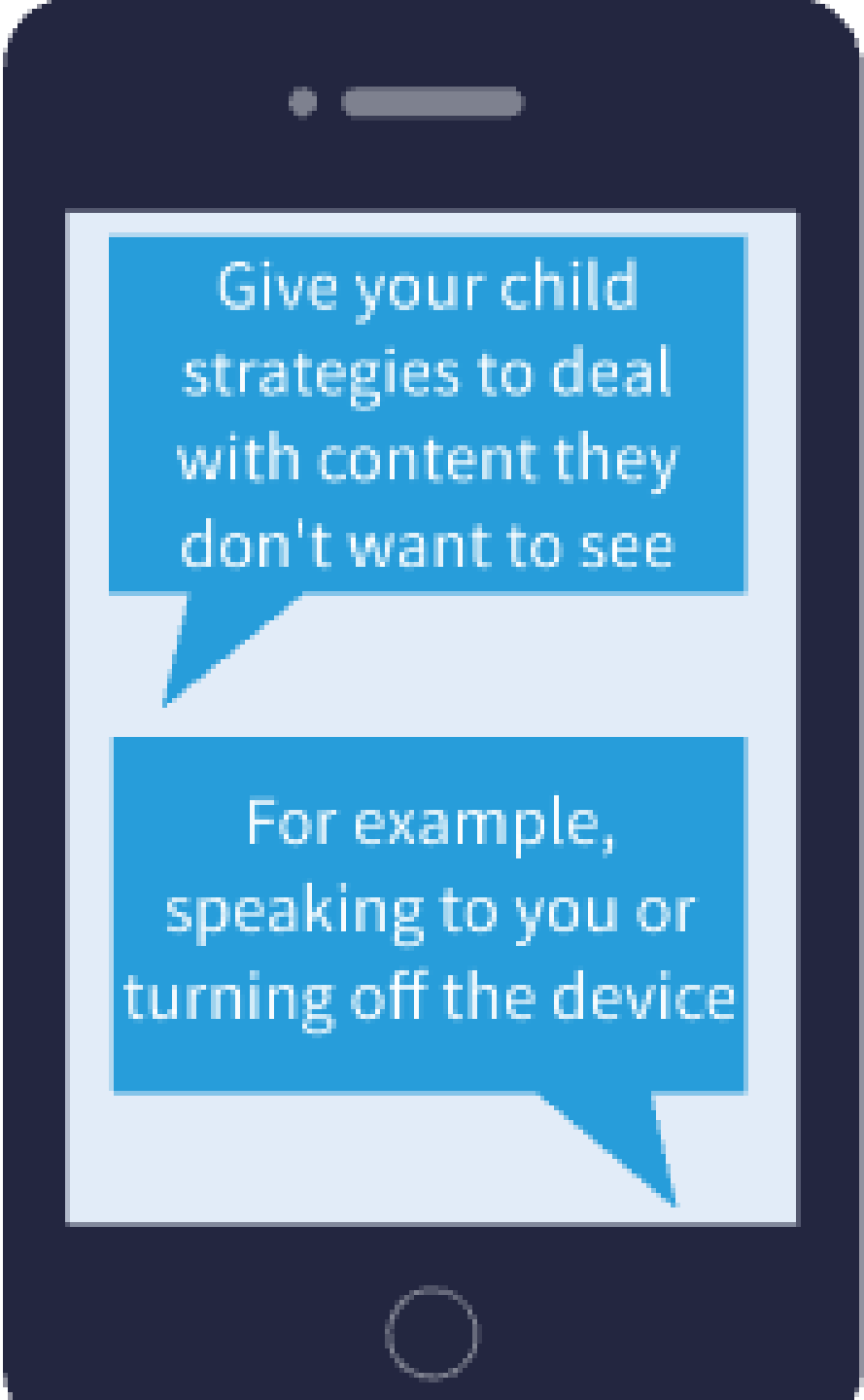
- Don't reveal too information about yourself while online, or post where you are
- Don't accept people you don't know as friends
- Don't post inappropriate images or videos of yourself that you wouldn't want your parents to see. Think about your digital footprint.
- You don't know who your really talking to online. It can be dangerous to meet someone in the real world who you have met online. Tell an adult to go with you.
- Knowing what to do if you find something that upsets you while online

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Consider setting up
a shared family
email address.

Your child can use
this when signing up
to new services.

A dark blue smartphone is shown vertically. The screen is light blue and contains two white text bubbles with blue tails. The top bubble contains the text "Give your child strategies to deal with content they don't want to see". The bottom bubble contains the text "For example, speaking to you or turning off the device".

Give your child strategies to deal with content they don't want to see

For example, speaking to you or turning off the device



Top tips

- Talk to them about their 'online' friends and real friends – going back to **Stranger Danger!**
- Helping the children to understand how easy it is for things to get out of control online – **Breck foundation**



Create boundaries and rules

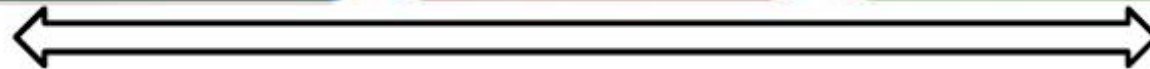
for the amount of time child can spend online. It's never too early to start putting limits in place.



The rules and conversations you have now will **set the tone for your child's internet** use as they get older.



Always worth checking the videos, apps and games children use, and **the age ratings and descriptions for them.**



Useful Resources

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>

4. Where can I get step by step guides and checklists?

A Parents' Guide to Technology
www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech

A set of guides highlighting safety tools on popular devices like games consoles, phones, smart TVs and tablets.



Safety tools on social networks & other online services
www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools

Find out more about the safety features available on popular social networks and apps, like YouTube and WhatsApp.



Internet Matters
www.internetmatters.org



Step by step guides that will help you put in place parental controls on your broadband, phone networks and entertainment services.

Social networking checklists
www.saferinternet.org.uk/checklists

A set of guides to help you use safety and privacy features of popular social networking sites like Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter.



Childnet Family Agreement
www.childnet.com/family-agreement



The Childnet Family Agreement provides a framework for setting out expectations for online behaviour and usage.

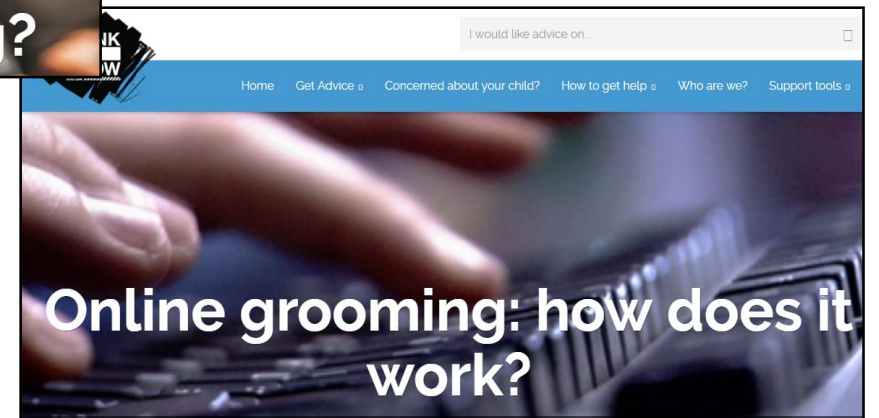
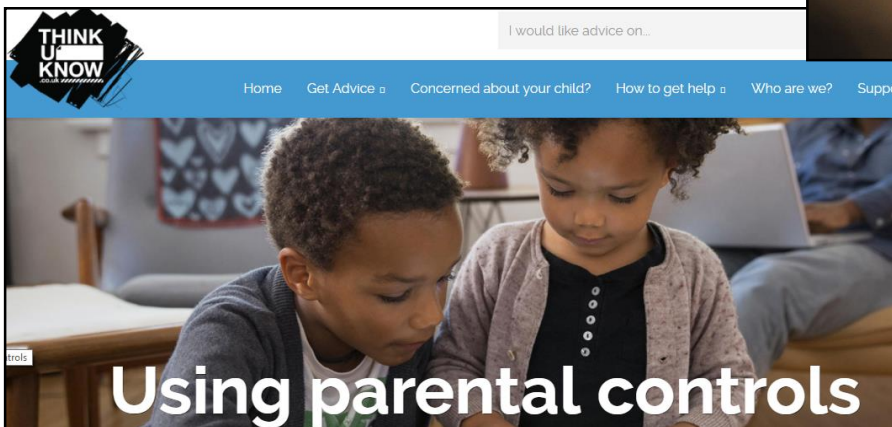
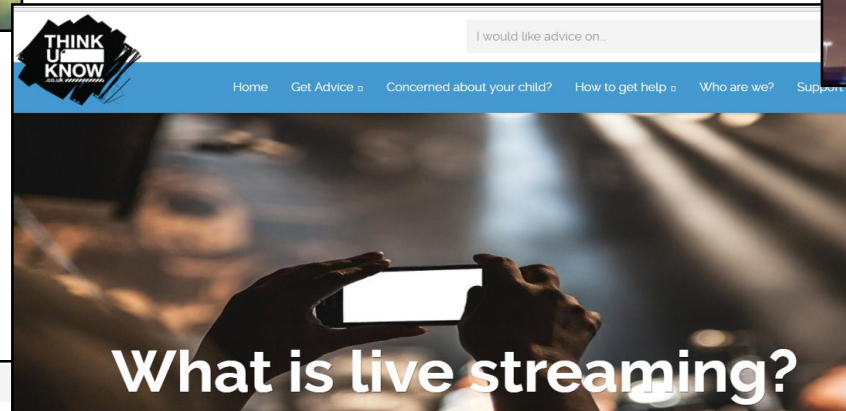
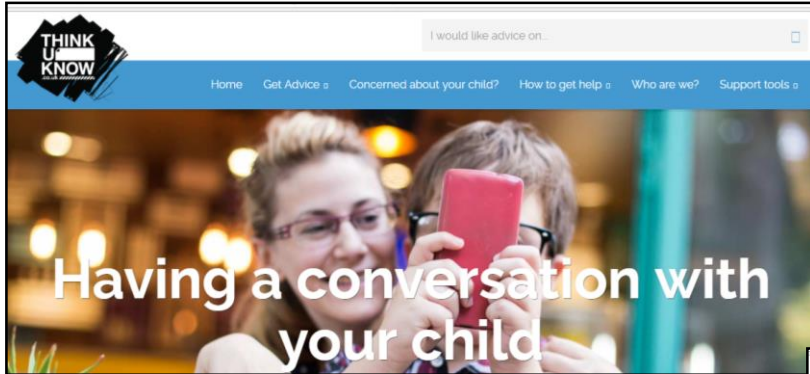
How to restrict in-app purchases
www.childnet.com/restrict-in-app-purchases

Find out how to restrict in-app purchases within app stores like the Apple App Store and Google Play.



Think You Know website has lots of resources.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/>



Finally, please give us some feedback!

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