

Welcome to the April 2022 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

Access to advice/help for parents and carers

Parents and Carers may be looking for advice and/or help with Online Safety Issues. Knowing where to look can be a challenge. The following websites have lots of information, summarised as follows:

NSPCC— Find out how to keep children Safe Online with help from the NSPCC's guides, including:

- [Online safety advice](#)
- [Worried about something online?](#)
- [Online safety guides for parents](#)
- [Resources for children](#)
- [Resources for children with SEND](#)
- [Help to keep children safe online](#)
- [Talking about difficult topics](#)

Childnet— Help, advice and resources for parents and carers including:

How to get help – help for parents and carers on how to respond to online issues

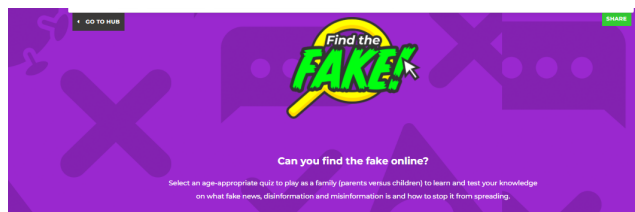
Have a conversation – advice and resources to help talk about life online

Let's talk about life online - 10 key messages to share with your child

Parent's and carers Toolkit— 3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online. Download the toolkit [here](#)

Internet Matters—Access Internet Matters 'one-stop shop' resource centre featuring parent guides, recommended resources. See what's new! Including:

- [Age-specific online safety guides](#)
- [Family Digital Toolkit](#)— watch the video!
- [Interactive Family Quiz](#)—find the fake online!



Online Gaming

In our February 2022 issue we included an article on advice and guidance for parents and carers on Online Gaming. This may be the first time you have received a Scomis Online Safety Newsletter so we thought you might find the following websites helpful if you have any concerns:

Childnet—[Online Gaming; an introduction for parents and carers](#) includes advice on:

- The risks
- Frequently asked questions
- Support and Information

Parentzone—[Gaming: a parent's guide | Parent Zone](#) includes advice on:

- the links between gaming and gambling
- what you need to know about gaming communities
- top tips on helping your child play games safely
- inappropriate content
- how much time is too much time?

Family Lives—[Gaming | Family Lives](#) includes advice on:

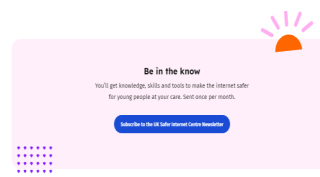
- talking to your child about gaming
- keeping teens safe

Support for Grandparents!

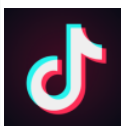
The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety. The guidance includes:

- how to support your grandchild in using the internet safely and responsibly
 - how to respond if something goes wrong
- Find out the answers to frequently asked questions:
- How to understand the latest technologies and trends?
 - How to understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to online safety?
 - What you should know about parental controls?
 - How to talk to your grandchild about their online life?
 - Where to go for help or to report something worrying or inappropriate?

Be in the know!. Subscribe to the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) newsletter:



TikTok



CommonSense Media's review:

Parents need to know that TikTok is a social network for sharing user-generated videos. Users can remix others' work and browse content created by other users, including famous recording artists. Since the app features a lot of music, you can expect swearing and sexual content in some songs. Read the review in full [here](#)

NB. Recommended Age: 13

Find out how to apply TikTok privacy settings at [Internet Matters](#) including how to apply restrictions on:

- **privacy**
- **location sharing**
- **identity theft**

Download the [Parental Guide](#)

Find out more about why children use social media and how to keep them safe when using:

- Instagram
- Wink
- Whatsapp
- Kik

Visit the NSPCC [here](#)

Where to get help

Visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) website to access details and links for a number of organisations that can help with:

- Reporting on Social Media
 - Reporting Criminal Content Online
- and much more!

Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the O₂ and NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5002

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