

# Internet Safety

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Keeping Children Safe Online

# What we need to know

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- What kinds of Apps and Websites our children like?
- What games do they play?
- How do we set filters and parental controls?
- Do the children get taught about internet safety in school?
- Who do we report to?
- What is PEGI?



# What do children do online?

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- As children get older the things they do and the way they access the internet changes.
- According to Ofcom (2020) younger children spend the largest proportion of their media time watching the TV set, while older children spend more of their time online and on their mobile phones.
- 65% of children aged 3-4 use a tablet
- 74% of 12-15 year olds have a profile on a social media, messaging site or app
- When given the choice, children aged 8-15 would prefer to watch YouTube content rather than TV programmes on a TV set

### Why are these apps popular?

Here are some apps that children and young people have told us that they use on a regular basis.

*Match the apps from the bottom of the screen to the quotes.*

"I like that it's unique, you can make friends... become famous."

TikTok

Snapchat

"It's a quick and easy way of communicating with others through pictures."

"I like that you can comment on the videos, because it means you can connect with the person who made the video."

YouTube

WhatsApp

"Can message friends and can join group chats with lots of your friends."

"You can play a variety of games that others have created."

Roblox

Twitter

"You can share and learn new things. The tweets are fun."

"You can find funny posts to brighten your day, and everyone is helpful, kind, and accepting. You can view people's artistic talent and get ideas for projects."

Tumblr

Instagram

"I especially like how I...can see my friends' pictures and videos."

"I have a lot of family members living all over the world and it's brilliant to see how they are once in a while and to let us know of any news or anything like that through the photos that they post or whatever."

Facebook

Minecraft

"It is a fun and creative game that allows you to play with friends."

# Filtering and Parental Controls

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- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

How to add parental controls and filters to different devices and games.



# Internet Safety in School

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- Mr Andrews Online: <https://mrandrewsonline.co.uk/>

Internet Safety from Reception to Year 6.

See Curriculum Tracker.

# Who to Report to

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- <https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/>
- CEOP – Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command  
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>
- PCSO – Linda Bailey – Cheshire Constabulary

# PEGI Rating

What is PEGI and what does it mean?

Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as games, but also films, TV shows or mobile apps, is clearly labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on the content they have. These age ratings provide guidance to consumers, parents in particular, to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product for a child.

