



Parental Controls is a good way to limit what your child can do on their device. Parents have the ability to limit use, stop apps being downloaded and turn off features on the device.

Year 5/6 Online Safety Parents Information

Today, your child has taken part in an online safety session. Pupils in Year 5/6 have learnt about the way in which predators online can target children by setting up fake profiles and trying to connect with them. Unfortunately, organisations such as The Internet Watch Foundation are seeing a rise in children being coerced into sharing self generated child sexual abuse content.

Often this takes place in a home setting and children are groomed by a perpetrator to share indecent images. In many cases, children are tricked into doing this or coerced.

It is really important that you monitor what your child is doing and talk to them about this issue.



Cyberbullying

Often cyberbullying can become more common at this age. Apps such as WhatsApp (which has a minimum age of 16) can be used to cyberbully others.

Talk to your child about appropriate behaviour online and ensure that they **BLOCK** and **REPORT** any users that target them.

Other Tips For Parents

1. Makes sure that you monitor what your child is doing with their device. You can restrict features of the device through parental controls and use features such as the Google Family Centre on Android devices.
2. Ensure that your child is not over exposed when using devices on the internet. Limiting screen time at mealtimes and before they go to bed is important.
3. Gaming is very popular at this age. We have a PEGI rating system and apps like Twitch and Discord. Understand what games they are playing.
4. Ensure that they are not sharing videos of themselves with random people on video sharing platforms e.g. Tik Tok, You Tube.

Social Media

The lure of social media apps and video sharing platforms is common for some pupils in Year 5/6. Apps such as Tik Tok, Snapchat and Instagram can be popular at this age.

However, you have to remember that there is a minimum age for these apps which is 13 years old.

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Further Information

There are many different websites available about online safety, however this site is the most useful as it shows you how to enable parental controls and informs you of different online safety issues.



Use your smartphone or tablet camera to access the site or go to;

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