

# Online Safety Newsletter



## Sharing photos

Many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- Never include your child's full name.
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online –remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
- Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.

Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents, etc) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

Further information:

CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>

## How to Keep Your Kids Safe Online During Half-Term

Check with your internet service provider what free parental control software they provide. This can restrict your child's access to certain websites/ content.

Search 'Parental Control' in the app store on your phone. There are many apps which allow you to keep track on your child's phone/device to see what they are doing on social media, what they are searching on the internet or what apps they are downloading. There is even location tracking in some of the apps to keep an eye on where your children are!  
<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

The NSPCC website has lots of information about talking to your child about online safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

## Helping Children With SLCN

Does your child have speech, language and communication needs?

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/TalkTech>

## Roblox: New Checklist

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label (icon shown right).



This is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store. You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up parental controls appropriate to your child. The new 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/>

