



Respect Responsibility Resilience



St Edmund's E-safety News

With Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 9th February) and the end of Term 3 fast approaching, as well as the fact that some students may have received new digital devices for Christmas, we would like to take this opportunity of directing you to a few useful websites to help you keep your child safe online.

www.Internetmatters.org



learn about it
talk about it
deal with it

Internet Matters is an independent, not-for-profit organisation to help parents keep their children safe online. This website provides you with hundreds of practical tips for parents, regardless of how old their child is, for staying safe on the Internet. On here you can find safety checklists for children of different age groups along with information about how you can set controls and filters for your computers and mobile devices at home.

www.net-aware.org.uk

Your guide to the social networks your children use – stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world'. Do you know your Facebook from Twitter or OOvoo from Fling? If not this is the website for you!



What's in the news

				
Pinterest Pinterest is an interactive pin board. You can create collections using your own images or re-pin things from other people.	Snapchat Snapchat is an app that lets you send a photo or short video to your friends.	Facebook Facebook is a social network, which lets you create a page about yourself.	Instagram Instagram is a picture and video sharing app. Users can post content and use hashtags to share with others.	Tinder Tinder is a dating app, which has two separate communities – one for adults (18+) and one for young people aged 13-17.

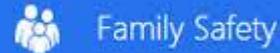
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

This website is part of the government's National Crime Agency where you can find the latest information on the sites your child likes to visit, mobiles and new technology. Find out what's good, what's not and what you can do about it. If you look after young people there's an area for you too – with resources you can use at home. Most importantly, there's also a place which anyone can use to [report](#) if they feel uncomfortable or worried about someone they are chatting to online.



www.parentinfo.org – This is a new service with expert information about how to keep young people safe online. There is a particularly useful section (<http://parentinfo.org/articles/top-tips>) where parents can receive ‘top-tips’ about various aspects of online safety.

www.familyafety.microsoft.com



Microsoft Family Safety, developed by Microsoft, is free parental monitoring and content-control software.



Block websites - you can make sure that adult websites are blocked for the children in your family. You can block specific sites, too - or choose which sites you want your children to see.



Play is important. Let them have fun, safely - you can allow your child to download apps and games appropriate for their age, and still make sure they don't get anything they're not ready for yet.



A window into their digital life - get recent activity reports on sites visited, apps used, games played, and screen time. Or check in online anytime.

Set good screen time habits - Together, you can talk about good habits and set limits on how much time they can spend with their screens.

www.ourpact.com

Teaching Responsibility Through Technology

OurPact is a leading parental control app for iPhones, iPads, and iPods that makes it easy for you to set limits on how much time your children are spending on their mobile devices. Create schedules, block all Internet and app use at a moment's notice or reward them with the allowance feature.

It allows you to balance the risks and rewards of iOS and Android technology for your family, with ease.



www.selfiecop.com

SelfieCop teaches children to Stop-&-Think before taking or sharing photos. It works in two ways:

1. Every time the camera is activated a message appears to remind children that their photos could (ultimately) be seen by anyone.
2. **SelfieCop** can also send parents a copy of photos taken by the camera, so they can be reviewed for safety (until their children are older).

By deterring Sexting the app also helps to:

- ◆ Reduce cyberbullying.
- ◆ Restore discipline in the classroom.
- ◆ Prevent the criminalisation of children.



The idea is to teach safe behaviour early, so when they are older (and a tool like SelfieCop is less appropriate) they are more likely to think twice before sharing an unsafe image.