

# E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER



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## Website to help parents decide appropriateness



Many parents struggle to decide whether to let their children watch a certain film or play a certain game - especially if they've never watched it or played it themselves.

Common Sense Media is a website which rates movies, TV shows, books, and more so parents can feel good about the entertainment choices they make for their kids. They offer the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based ratings and reviews. In turn, their timely parenting advice supports families as they navigate the challenges and possibilities of raising kids in the digital age. Visit their website [HERE](#)

## Free Digital Safety training for parents and carers



Kidscape is offering free Digital Safety training for parents and carers.

The training is designed to equip adults with the knowledge to understand the potential risks associated with keeping children and young people safe online, while also covering the many positives of the digital world. During the training, attendees will learn about harmful content online, cyberbullying, gaming, live-streaming, grooming, popular apps and social media, and much more.

There are two zoom workshops available to choose from, these being on Wednesday 17th February, 4.30-6.00pm and Wednesday 17th March 4.30-6.00pm

For more information and to enrol, click [HERE](#)

## CEOP Video - A parents guide to in-game chat



The Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (CEOP) have released a video that may be useful to explain what in-game chat is and how it can be dangerous.

Gaming is an important part of children's social lives and many children use in-game chat.

The video is less than 4 minutes in length and explains why and how children use in-game chat, what the risks are and how you can protect them to play their favourite games more safely.

Watch their video [HERE](#) ThinkUKnow have also written an article on this if you are unable to watch the video. Read the ThinkUKnow article [HERE](#)

## Natterhub's Online Safety Guides for parents and carers



Whether we like it or not, screens are integral part of everyone's daily lives - including those of our children.

Some of the statistics can seem worrying. According to research carried out by Ofcom in 2019, 9 out of 10 primary school aged children regularly use a device to go online. A quarter of children have at least one social media profile by the age of 10, with the most popular apps including WhatsApp, Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. These sites can also bring with them the risk of pressure from social peers, or the possibility of being contacted by strangers, though virtual bullying is not as prevalent for many as face-to-face incidents. It's no wonder that only 55% of parents who were asked said that the benefits of being online outweighed the risks. But Natterhub want to change that!

They have created two Online Safety Guides for parents and carers. Inside, you'll find easy-to-follow explanations of the tools and platforms that children use every single day, as well as tips for dealing with some of the most common problems that they pose

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