



Online Safety Newsletter



Christmas 2020

Welcome to our 2020 Christmas Online Safety letter. It's been a year of battling with new technology and the risks associated with it. New technologies are emerging all the time and it can be daunting keeping up with them all. You have done a brilliant job helping children navigate the digital world. We are always looking for new ways to keep you informed of this ever changing digital landscape. We've launched a twitter page to keep you up to date with current advice, new apps, news articles and support. Please give us a follow and let us know if there is anything you'd like to know more about! @OnlineSafetyTPS

Live streaming

Live streaming—the ability to broadcast a video live across the web—is not a new phenomenon. It has been around over a decade but has been growing rapidly in popularity.

Live streamed videos are popular with young people because they feel connected with others; have a chance to interact with their favourite streamers and celebrities; and making them is a form of self expressions.

While there are many positives to live streamed videos , there are risks that young people need to be aware of.

Content—when watching live streamed videos, there is a risk of encountering inappropriate content in the videos themselves or the comments

Contact—live videos can be streamed publically, so the audience potentially can be strangers.

Conduct—as live videos are in the moment, it can increase the chances of 'acting on impulse'. Being online gives young people more confidence to behave in ways they may not offline. Once a video has been streamed, viewers can record and reshare videos .

A little bit of festive fun

Here's a fun video for you to enjoy about Online Safety at Christmas from National Online Safety. (Be warned you might be humming it all of Christmas...)
#sorrynotsorry)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq8CtHpszi8>





The Twelve Tips of Christmas

Click on the baubles to find out more

Set up new devices before Christmas Day. Set any parental controls, restricted modes etc.

Review apps before purchasing on websites like www.commonsensamedia.org

Use the PEGI rating as a guide to assess whether games and movies are age appropriate.

Check privacy settings on all social media accounts. Some are automatically set to public

Create a family agreement to set ground rules before receiving any technology gifts.

Disable in-app purchases on games using the settings to save any accidental purchases

Turn off autoplay on apps like YouTube to reduce the risk of inappropriate content

Keep your operating system updated to reduce the risk of viruses and malware.

Ensure all passwords are strong by using a combination of letters, symbols and numbers.

Scammers are about this time of year! Talk with children about how to check emails are authentic.

Enable SafeSearch on google and restricted mode on YouTube.

Support and Report
Know where to get support and how to report inappropriate content

Have a lovely Christmas everyone!