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## **STAYING SAFE ONLINE**

### ***A Guide for parents and carers***





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iPhones, iPads and laptops are just some of the technologies we are using today. Children become confident in the use of today's technology that is constantly changing. Through this technology children learn to play, form relationships, share music, pictures, play games and watch videos. Being online users offers children the great opportunity to

- Find information and support that may otherwise be inaccessible.
- Offers alternative ways to communicate and learn which can increase equality of access.
- Gives them a voice about issues they care about.
- And allow them to portray themselves in ways that are important to them.

### **Did you know?**

*In 2020 children aged 5-15 (97%) in UK went online! (OFCOM 2021) For many children the 'Online World' is as important as the 'Offline', the two have converged.*

*Children use social media, apps, games, watch videos etc.*

- *14% 5-7-year-olds own a smart phone,*
- *57% 5-7-year-olds own a tablet,*
- *30% 5-7-year-olds use social media apps,*
- *33% 5-7-year-olds use messaging app (OFCOM 2021)*

**From <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> website – Ofcom's research shows that over 50% children aged 3-4 go online for nearly 8 hours a week, and 1 in 5 children aged 3-4 have their own tablet.**

Research shows that families are spending more time on technology for several reasons.

- To maintain their children education
- To maintain connections with their families and friends
- To facilitate and enjoy daily life.

### **Online safety**

We have a Duty of Care at Chirton Pips to ensure that all children are well creatively, mentally, and physically. Chirton Pips are aware of the positive and negative outcomes from the use of technology. We ensure that we get the balance right when using technology in pre-school. Security is in place for the safety of our children; all the gadgets such as iPads, cameras, and laptops that are used to support the children's education and learning are accessed via passwords and only with adult support. Policies and Procedures for online safety are kept up to date and staff sign the form to say that they have read and understood them.

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## **At home**

We cannot monitor what is done in the home environment; however as part of our safeguarding procedures we can share advice and information given to you for help and further support.

- NSPCC Online Safety website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>
- ‘Support for Parents and Carers to keep children safe online’ HM Government guideline Feb 2021 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk website (Police National Crime Agency) <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- At home
  - Always supervise your children when using technology.
  - Ensure parent controls are in place on the gadgets.
  - Safe search on Google to remove any inappropriate websites.
  - Explore information together with your child/ren.
  - Set boundaries with your child/ren.
  - Be a role model to your child/ren.
  - Monitor the time your child/ren spent on technology.

## **Further advice and Help**

If you are worried about a child needing help, advice and support; Adults, please contact 0800 800 5000 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline/>

For children if they need help/support (free) 08001111 or <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

For further reading - <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/online-research/keeping-children-safe-online> Making Communication Work for Everyone

HM Government guidelines ‘Support for Parents and Carers to keep children safe online’ Feb 2021 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>