

Internet Safety for Nursery Children

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The internet can be a wonderful resource for our children however we must ensure we keep them safe.

It's completely normal to feel a little unsure about how you can do this. We will give you some hints and tips in this leaflet.

Keeping your child safe online is just about using the same skills you use to keep them safe in the real world.



The best place to start is ensuring you know what they are able to do online and what they are accessing. Monitoring this continually is also very important as children's skills and abilities will grow as they use these devices more.

Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and about keeping safe online.

There are lots of practical things you can do to keep your child safe online.

Parental controls allow you to block access to inappropriate apps, sites and content. These controls aren't too difficult to put in place, so you don't need to be a tech wiz to keep your child safe.

You can set controls:

- on the devices themselves
- via mobile and broadband providers (for example BT, EE or PlusNet)
- on streaming platforms, like iPlayer and Netflix
- on search engines, like Google and YouTube
- on different apps

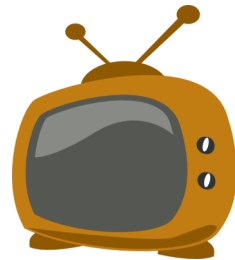
The *Internet Matters* website has great step by step guides for setting up parental controls on all of the above.

It might take a bit of time to get familiar with these settings, but it's worth it and remember to explain to your child why you are applying these settings - it is not about stopping them having fun, it's about keeping them safe.

Ensuring children are watching age appropriate content is very important.

This can often be very difficult as something may sound or look innocent but often it is not.

Content on YouTube Kids should be suitable for children. But never assume it is, still keep an eye on what they're watching. The Internet Matters website has advice on setting parental controls on You Tube Kids.



Films, TV shows and video games all have age ratings so you can see if they're suitable for your child. Also be mindful of what you are watching and doing online when your child is around.

For further information on internet safety have a look at the Parent Club website.