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Keeping Children Safe Online

Protecting children from explicit content

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

While using technology can provide hours of education and important social opportunities for children and young people, it can present risks. It is possible that they may come across things which are inappropriate for their age or stage of development. Using filters to block explicit content and having frank conversations are just a few ways you equip them with tools to deal with it.

Parental Controls

With most entertainment content such as films, TV programmes, and games now being accessed over the internet, children are now able to watch content wherever and whenever they're online. To make sure they don't stumble across things they shouldn't, you can use parental control guides to set the right controls on their sites and apps to keep them safe.

For helpful guides visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?



What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.



If your child is too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media, then you could suggest an alternative option.

Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13.

NETFLIX

If your child has access to Netflix at home, you may wish to set up parental controls to make streaming safer. Download the helpful guide below

<https://ineqe.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/streamsafenetflix.pdf>