

Best Futures E-Safety Newsletter Term 1



What is WhatsApp?

Did you know that WhatsApp is one of the most popular Apps children and young people use for messaging and has roughly 2.7 billion users a month. Internet matters have implemented a useful parent guide, please see below for further guidance:

[What is WhatsApp?: A safety how to guide for parents - Internet Matters](#)

Christmas and New Devices.

We all know Christmas is just around the corner and many children will be asking for a new device or an upgrade. It is important that parents know what the device will be used for and the parental features available. Internet matters have put together a useful guide that supports parents in choosing the right device for their child's needs. Please see the links below to access the guidance:

[Mobile phones for kids guide - The Dos and Don'ts | Internet Matters](#)

[Tech guide: buyer's guide for parents | Internet Matters](#)

Google Link App for Androids.

The Google Family Link app is a great way to keep your children safe online whilst they are using their google account. Parents can restrict what their child searches for, can set up child location and monitor their app usage through the App activity feature and much, much more! Please see the internet matters link for more information regarding controls and settings:

[Google Family Link - parent's set up guide | Internet Matters](#)

Welcome to Best Futures E-Safety newsletter.

The world of online safety is constantly evolving. Best Futures E-safety newsletter will help parents to keep current with changes, helping you to help keep your children safe.

Social media sites.

Most of the popular social media sites have a minimum age restriction of **13+** this includes Snapchat, TikTok, WhatsApp and Instagram and they all offer different safety features. Although social media is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family and learn new things, such as gaming or make up tutorials. There are potential risks too, and parents should be aware of the risks to help keep their child safe online. Children can be exposed to inappropriate language or content, such as swearing and violence. Furthermore, open to viewing sexual content or harmful behaviour such as grooming and bullying. Please see the useful link from the NSPCC for further information:

[Social media | NSPCC](#)

Skips Safety Net Parent Guidance.

Due to the evolving world, the usage of the internet and social media is increasing amongst children from an early age, and this is a great concern for parents. Children are innocent and are a yet to understand and have the skills required to recognise potential risks online. Skips safety have produced a useful guide for parents:

[Parent Guides | Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](#)

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, including online safety you can contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Kara Bradley or Abigail Moore on the office number 01472 278978.