Online Safety Parent Newsletter - Autumn 2, 2025



Welcome to our first online safety newsletter for parents.

Each half term we will share the latest updates to help us all work together to keep our children safe online.

Discord Family Center

Discord, the app, is still very popular particularly with gamers, and like many apps it has safety features including features for parents/guardians. The Discord Family Center is 'a tool built to help parents and guardians stay informed and involved in your teen's Discord experience while respecting their privacy and autonomy'. The safety features have recently been updated and now include:

- Ability to view the activity feed
- Get weekly email summaries
- Manage safety and privacy settings

To find out more about these features and more, and how to set up Family Center, you can view the Discord Family Center HERE. There is also a parent hub which has lots of information and resources for parents such as user controls, moderation, reporting and more. You can find the parent hub HERE.

Protect Neurodivergent Children from Scams in Games

Neurodivergent children can be amongst those most vulnerable online and are therefore more likely to become victims of things like scams. Those with ADHD, autism or other divergent ways of thinking might not recognise when someone intends to do harm. Internet Matters have put together a brand new free guide for parents

which explores how neurodivergent children's unique traits can leave them open to scams, particularly in games. You can download the free guide HERE.

Gadget Gift Guide

Christmas can be an exciting time when many children are given new devices and gadgets. CyberSafeKids, have put together a brand new guide for parents and carers covering:

- The benefits and risks of popular smart devices and toys
- What you can do to make them safer
- Age recommendations
- And more

  You can download the guide HERE.

Shopping Scams

Every year hundreds of thousands of people in the UK fall victim to fraud when buying something online. With Christmas and Christmas sales rapidly approaching, fraud and scams will be significantly on the increase.

GetSafeOnline has plenty of information to help with this such as:

- Information on purchase scams HERE.
- Online buying tips HERE.
- Scam website checker HERE.

