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Online Safety Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

Welcome to a new year. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. Keeping children and young people safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is all of our responsibility to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices when they are online.

A parent's guide to being share aware (NSPCC)

From time to time things can go wrong online. We know it can be worrying, but we can help. Your child might have 'overshared' – shared too much information about themselves – or someone might have shared some content with them that you'd rather they hadn't seen. Whatever has happened, there will always be something you can do to make it better.

Steps you can take	Getting extra support	What your child can do
<p>Reassure your child – they may be very upset, and need help to make sense of what has happened.</p> <p>Ask your child exactly what happened and if anyone else was involved, but stay calm and don't rush them.</p> <p>If your child sees something online that they think they shouldn't have seen, let them know it's not necessarily their fault – they shouldn't feel guilty, and they can always talk to you.</p>	<p>Many social networks, like Facebook and YouTube provide ways to report offensive content or behaviour. The links to these pages can be found on Net Aware.</p> <p>If you think your own child or any other is at immediate risk because of what they have shared or seen, contact the police or the NSPCC for advice on 0808 800 5000.</p> <p>CEOP helps keep children safe from online grooming and sexual exploitation. If someone's acted inappropriately to a child or young person, you can report it to CEOP.</p>	<p>Talk about what your child should do if something or someone upsets them online. You might want to agree that they tell you, or another adult you both trust.</p> <p>Help your child to check the privacy settings on the sites, apps, games and devices they use, to make sure their personal information isn't available to everyone.</p> <p>Your child can contact Childline if they need further support by calling 0800 1111 or visiting childline.org.uk</p> <p>Childline can also help with taking an illegal image off the internet, by making a report to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) on their behalf.</p>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>



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App in Focus

YouTube - YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found on there.

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Turn on Restricted mode** as this restricts the availability of mature content. You will need to set up a Google account to do this.
- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.
- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content**.



YouTube Kids YouTube recommends that **YouTube Kids** is used for children under the age of 13 as it provides a safer environment and offers greater controls (you can select the shows that you would prefer them to watch). Find out how to set up the parental controls here:

<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB>

Supervised experience (Beta version)

Managed by you by creating a supervised Google Account. It allows you to choose from three content settings:

- **Explore:** generally suitable for ages 9+.
- **Explore More:** generally suitable for viewers ages 13+.
- **Most of YouTube:** contains almost all YouTube content (except age-restricted content) so it *will* include sensitive topics that may only be appropriate for older teens. <https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/>



Posting videos

You should be over 13 years of age to post videos. Talk to your child about posting videos, do they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments? YouTube have produced these tips:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244?hl=en-GB>

Should I let my child set up a YouTube account?

This article features the benefits and risks of using YouTube and their top tips: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-let-my-child-set-up-a-youtube-account/>



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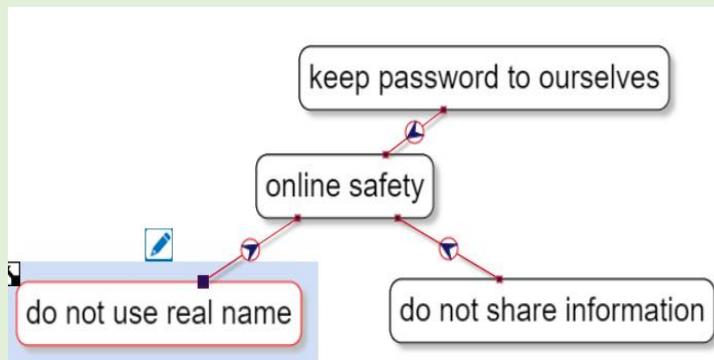
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Online Safety Work at school

At Ashtree, we always start the year by focusing our Computing Curriculum around Online Safety. We then continue to reinforce these safety messages throughout the year. Below is a selection of pupils' work on Online Safety.



Jack, Year 2



Mayson, Year 3



Lacie, Year 4