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## Online Safety Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

This 4<sup>th</sup> Online Safety Newsletter is designed to support you and your child to enjoy the online world in a safe way. Our advice and resources are here to support you, as you support your child, to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. There are a range of useful websites you can visit to find out more.

### Resources

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

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

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>

[https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk)

### Time to talk



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

### Explore apps and games together

Just because an app or game has an age rating, doesn't mean it's appropriate for your child. Each child is different and you know better than anyone whether it's right for your child. We recommend exploring apps and games together. This is a great way to involve your child in the decision-making process.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news%2Fage-content-ratings-apps-games/>

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### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Age Group	Apps/Platforms
Under 13	Roblox, PopJam, FaceTime
13+	Twitter, Facebook and Messenger, Viber, WeChat, Monkey, Yubo, Dubsmash, Instagram, TikTok, Skype, Google Hangouts, Reddit, Snapchat, Pinterest
16+	WhatsApp, Telegram Messenger, Tumblr
17+	Line, Sarahah, Telangin
18+ or 13+ with parent's permission	YouTube, WeChat, Kik, Flickr, Play Store, Spotify (12 with parental permission)

**Do you know what apps your children are using – here are the age restrictions for common apps.**

Sourced from NMC, updated October 2019



## Meet Ollee

Parent Zone have developed the app 'Meet Ollee' who is a virtual friend that helps your child think about how they're feeling.

Meet Olee is aimed at 8-11 year olds and their parents.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>

## App in Focus



**7+**

Official  
age rating

Among Us is a game set on a spaceship played with 4-10 other players. Players can choose to join a game with people they don't know or create their own private game with friends. The game randomly selects one of the players to be an 'imposter' who the other players must defeat to win the game. You can play it on mobile, desktop or Nintendo Switch.

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## Chat Filtering

If your child is talking to other people on the app make sure to switch on 'Censor Chat'.

When this is on, the game scans the message before other players see it to make sure it doesn't contain any inappropriate language or comments that someone might find upsetting.

To check this is on, go to settings in the right hand corner of the screen and select 'Censor Chat: On'. The box should also go green when you do this.

## Gaming Ground Rules

Gaming is a fun way for kids to relax and stay entertained outside of school but it's important to agree rules to keep them safe whilst gaming. These could include which games are safe to play, who they can play with, where they can use their devices at home or how long they can play for.

For example, you might agree with them they can play in the main family rooms at the weekends with their school friends. Different rules will work for different families but often work best when agreed together as a family. That way your child can share things like how long each game lasts which is helpful to know when agreeing time limits.

