

As a **CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)** and **NSPCC Online Curriculum school**, we are up to date with the latest apps and software developments within the digital world.

We know the digital world is as important as the real world to children and teenagers and it has many benefits. We also know it can be a dangerous place, with reports of scary Peppa Pig videos, grooming, self-harming and even cyberbullying suicide games, such as "Momo." The NSPCC says "**the best filter is an educated child.**" At South End Infant School we strongly believe in this ethos. We have been delivering E-safety/Online Safety lessons for many years, holding discussions and establishing Online Rules using CEOP guidance. We also know, in order to educate the children; we too need to be vigilant and well informed.

We have published parent and teacher guidance on our school website. **Please take some time to explore our E-Safety webpage.**

We have attached a useful document from Childnet called "Supporting young people online" and listed some useful website links below which give detailed guidance on what apps children of Infant School age, and older, have access to and how those apps work. The digital world evolves quickly; it is important as adults that we know all about the technology that plays a huge role in their lives now, and in the future. **We need to be ready to listen, support and answer any questions our children might have.**

**Parents/carers and teachers need to know more than the children do in order to do this well, and ensure they access these apps to keep up to date.**



Do you know what all these apps are? Guides are available at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title>

### Top Tips from Online Educators and Police Authorities.

**First educate yourself, then your child.** Banning a child from certain sites may only motivate them to spend more time on them, whereas educating your child on how to keep safe will give them the tools they need to navigate their online world without being hurt

**Teach children the obvious identity rules.** Tell your children NOT to put photos of themselves on the Internet or to give out their names, addresses, phone numbers, schools, or other personal information online.

**Install an Internet filter or family safety software**

**Know the dangers associated with sites your children frequent.**



**Create a relationship with your children that is conducive to open communication.** Discuss and show an interest in their online experiences/interests.

**Set specific Internet guidelines** for your children to live by and consistently enforce consequences, if they are not being followed.

**Keep devices out of children's bedrooms and in open spaces.**

**Follow content guidance and PEGI ratings on games/apps.** Age restrictions are important. A PEGI rating on a game confirms that it contains content suitable for a certain age group and above.

Useful websites: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>  
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>