



Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your continued support with keeping our children safe online.

We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some key information with regards to E-Safety. This information has been taken from the Department for Education's guidance.

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

These resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

What harms might my child experience online?

You may have concerns about specific harms which children can experience online. There are more resources to help you understand and protect your child from different harms such as radicalisation, cyberbully, harmful or distressing content online.

Further guidance and support if you are worried about any of these can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Apps to help children stay safe online

The BBC have a website and app called [Own It](#). The website has a lot of content for children to help them navigate their online lives. It can be downloaded for free in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

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[SafeToNet](#) is an app for parents to help them safeguard their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, whilst respecting their child's rights to privacy. The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free access to 1 million licences during coronavirus

As always, if you have any concerns, please email safeguarding@kinson-academy.co.uk we are here to support and keep our children safe.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Kind regards,

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