



Welcome to the Scomis autumn term edition of the Online Safety Newsletter for Early Years

For Parents and Carers:

Welcome to the new school year, the new term and to new parents and carers. Once a term Scomis produces an Online Safety newsletter specifically for parents and carers of 0-5 year olds.

Each edition provides links to good websites where parents and carers can access advice, guidance and information for 0-5 year olds on Online Safety.

It's never too early to start thinking about Online Safety!

Consider the following questions and recommendations:

1. Does your child spend more than 1 hour per day looking at an iPad/Smartphone/Tablet/PC?

Start setting some boundaries and limit the amount of time they can spend on the device.

2. Could your child accidentally access inappropriate material on your device?

Set parental controls to the appropriate age on any device your child has access to.

3. Have you found your child using your mobile/iPad/Tablet?

Keep devices out of reach of your child and set up passwords/PINS.

4. Do you let your child access the internet on your device using public WiFi?

Public WiFi may not include parental controls. Letting your child play with your mobile or tablet could result in them accessing inappropriate material.

Visit Getsafeonline's website for more advice:
<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/under-5/>

Start 'searching' the internet safely!

Did you know there are safe search engines? You can add safe search engines such as Swiggle and Kidzsearch to your 'Favourites':

<http://www.swiggle.org.uk/>

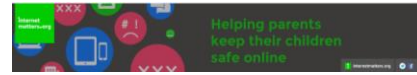
<https://www.kidzsearch.com/>

Consider activating 'safe search' settings on Google. Don't forget **YouTubeKids**

It is free, simple to use and full of family-friendly videos:

<https://kids.youtube.com/>

Visit InternetMatters for more advice, to access free resources and view easy to watch videos:
internetmatters.org/advice/0-5
Or watch them on **YouTube**



<https://www.youtube.com/user/internetmatters>

SMART Toys

Consider the following questions:

- Is your child's information safe?
- What is the device recording?
- Can the device receive security upgrades?
- Does the device have location settings?

Download and read 'Inside the Kids' privacy zone' on Commonsense Media's website:

<https://www.common sense media.org/kids-action/publications/kids-privacy-zone>

Looking for reviews of age appropriate games/apps/videos/films/books?

Commonsense media has a library of more than 28,000 reviews. Search by age from 2 onwards:
<https://www.common sense media.org/reviews>

Remember! NSPCC's Free Guide for parents'



Really simple guidance from the NSPCC. This guide will help to reassure you, and give you the information and advice you'll need to keep your child safe online.

- Cost : Free

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>

Learn together!

Read Childnet's story of Smartie the Penguin and learn the song – suitable for 3 – 7year olds.



<http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

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