

Dear children,

We just want you to enjoy your time online but we also want you to know how to stay safe on the internet and be resilient if something goes wrong.

### Staying safe online

These are some tips for staying safe online:

- Always make sure a responsible adult knows your online
- Always tell an adult if someone makes you sad or upset
- Keep personal information to yourself

### Your family

Share with your family what you are doing online. If they know what you are doing they are more likely to understand why you want to play on it. Decide together which games you can play on and for how long and remember to turn off your device at least one hour before bedtime so you can settle into a good nights sleep.



### Online chat

Are you new to online games? If you are these steps will help you to stay safe by stopping people you don't know being able to get in touch.

To turn chat off

- first, go into settings
- second, go into privacy
- third, click on chat - off

If you just want to turn safe chat on follow the same easy steps but instead of off, click safe chat.

If you do chat online, you need to be kind because if you're being rude constantly you could really offend or upset someone. You could also get unfriended, blocked or even banned! You should not retaliate (be rude back) to anyone, the best thing you can do is report them but if they keep on doing it ban them.

### Game ages

As you are younger than 11, you should look at the age rating given to whatever you want to play. It is a good idea to always ask your parent or guardian if that game is appropriate for you. Checking the rate is really important because it's against the law to watch or play a game that is not suitable for your age.

Some of the following apps are ages not for you because they aren't safe and appropriate for you. Some of them are violent or have bad language in and some let you talk to strangers.



Here are some apps you go online and might not know the age rating for-



- Facebook is for 13 years old
- TIK TOK is for 13 years old
- Instagram is for 13 years old
- FORTNITE is for 12 years old
- Among Us is for 7 years old
- ROBLOX is for 4 years old with parental control

Sometimes on games there can be things you have to pay for like VBucks and Robux but don't click on Scam websites that says something like FREE ROBUX or [www.freerobuxclicknow.com](http://www.freerobuxclicknow.com)

Instead click on safe links: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) , [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) to help be safe online.

### Learning

There are lots of amazing websites you can use to help you with your learning. We use TimesTables Rock Stars, Accelerated Reader, Century, BBC Bitesize and Purple Mash regularly in school. These are all completely safe and can really help you with what you are learning in class.