

Welcome to the May 2025 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Access to advice and help

The half-term break is almost here! This issue of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter signposts parents and carers to organisations specialising in educating children and young people in Online Safety issues.

Find out from the NSPCC about the risks of social media for children:

Oversharing including:

- their personal information
- other people's personal information
- photos of themselves
- photos and videos of their body

Sharing their location including:

- tagging photos with the geo-location
- checking into venues
- sharing journeys
- sharing images or videos that contain street names

Talking to people they don't know including:

- Some social media sites will promote connecting users to chat with other people

NSPCC's advice is to talk to your child about what they're doing online. Review the NSPCC's website and find out more about the use of social media including tips and lots advice on:

- Safety and privacy
- Location settings
- Age ratings and features

Many social media sites have a minimum age of 13 years. You can check Age Ratings and features of Social Media Apps on the NSPCC website, click on the links below:

[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [TikTok](#) [Snapchat](#) [X](#)

Visit the NSPCC's website and:

find out how to [Talk to your child about Online Safety](#) including: 'How to start the conversation'

The NSPCC and teamed up with Lego—check the Lego resources '[Build and Talk](#)'

Play the [NSPCC Online Safety Quiz](#) with your child

Find out how to [Set up parental controls](#)

- Home broadband and WiFi
- Games consoles
- Mobiles, tablets and computers
- Apps and online services
- Search engines
- WiFi and being away from home

Find out more about [Livestreaming Platforms](#) such as

[Twitch](#) [Clash](#) [Monkey](#)

Access the NSPCC's guides on:

[Reporting Online Safety Concerns](#)

[Online Safety Guides](#)

[Resources for children with](#)

[SEND](#)

[Internet Connected Devices](#)

Visit the South West Grid for Learning's website ([SWGL](#)) to access and download Social Media Guides to help with the setting up profiles for:

[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Roblox](#) [TikTok](#) [Netflix](#)



Help and Advice available at Childnet

Visit [Childnet.com](#) Lots of Help, advice and resources for parents/carers including:

- In-depth information and key advice on [Social media](#)
- how to identify [Online bullying](#) with key advice on how to deal with [Online bullying](#) and the types of bullying

[information and guidance for 4-11 year olds](#)

- What to do if someone is mean to your child online

- How much time should you spend online

[Help and advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

- Gaming
- Social media
- Fake news
- Video Calls

[Parent's and carers Toolkit](#)

3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online.

- Parent and Carers Guide
- Resource Sheet
- Family agreement

Don't forget! Support for Grandparents

The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety. The guidance includes:

- how to respond if something goes wrong
- How to talk to your grandchild about their online life?
- Where to go for help or to report something worrying or inappropriate? Find out more [here](#)

OfComm - Children's Media Lives report 2025

Published on May 7th 2025, this report looks at media use, attitudes and understanding among children and young people aged 3-17 includes findings on parents' views about their children's media use.

Review the report: [OfcomMedia use and attitudes](#)

- attitudes to News
- media habits—children and adults
- online habits, behaviours and attitudes
- and much more!



Where to get help

Visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) website to access details and links for a number of organisations that can help with:

- Reporting Criminal Content Online and much more!
- Family Lives—Charity providing help and support in all aspects of family life. They have a 24/7 free Parentline on 0808 8002222.

Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from:
NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5000
Childline: 0800 1111