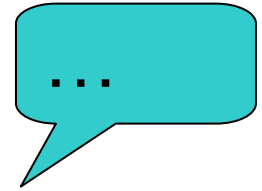


Childnet's TOP TIPS for Parents of Secondary Students



Use the tools...

- Review the privacy and security settings on your web browser as well as your child's social networking site with them to be sure they are set to 'private'.
- Find the right filters or time management software for your family by visiting www.getnetwise.org.
- Save these links to your internet 'favourites'.
 - www.iwf.org.uk for reporting inappropriate or illegal content
 - www.phonepayplus.org.uk for reporting prepaid phone service scams or direct your children to www.phonebrain.co.uk

Use your brain...

- Agree on family rules for independent use of the internet.
 - Use "I will" statements (e.g. I will only search for appropriate content)
 - Post a signed copy of your agreement near the computer
 - Stick to your rules!
 - Check out www.childnet.com/kia/
- Decide on your family's best policy for safe use of the webcam and agree that it should only be used in family spaces.
- Set an appropriate daily or weekly amount of internet time usage.

Talk things through...

- Discuss appropriate responses to online safety scenarios.
 - When to say 'no' to friend requests or requests for photos
 - Dealing with online bullies
 - Posting personal photos or information—once it's online, it's there forever
- Discuss ways to check the reliability of online information (www.quick.org.uk).
- Keep an open dialogue about responsible use of interactive technologies.
 - Music downloads
 - Paid for games
 - File sharing
- Show your child where to report inappropriate adult contact by visiting www.thinkuknow.co.uk together.